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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
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Sunday (10/1/06)	5:30 am	BUSINESS WEEK
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DESCRIPTION: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER
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DECRPTION: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

October 2, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

We're following up on some Simpsonville homeowners who are still staying in a hotel after sewage overflowed over the weekend. They want answers from city leaders. So, they took their dirty problem to city council Monday night. Friday night, a sewage line running through a neighborhood backed up, shooting waste through some homeowners bathrooms and sinks. The homes are unlivable and have a pretty heavy price tag attached to live it in again. City crews found construction debris in the sewage line which may have caused the back up. Another reason could be the residential sewage line is also carrying sewage from businesses. Homeowners are staying in a hotel at the city's expense.

October 9, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 9, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Time to check your refrigerator again. The E. coli scare isn't over yet. This time its lettuce sold under the brand name "Foxy." The company that sold the green leaf lettuce believes irrigation water may have been contaminated with the deadly bacteria. For now, the recall only affects seven states on the West Coast: California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. It seems like having a list of what to put in your grocery cart isn't necessary anymore. It's more like what you should leave out. Last month it was bagged spinach linked to an E. coli outbreak. The latest recall is for green lettuce sold under the brand name "Foxy," that could also be contaminated with the bacteria. It only affects the West Coast, but shoppers aren't taking any chances. "I immediately went in and threw the bagged lettuce away," said Cathy Kalure. "I wasn't sure. I didn't know where it came from." Kalure even skipped-out on her daily, fast-food salad. Kalure said, "I just hated to go up to the counter, to the young lady that's 15-years-old to say, 'Gee, where does your lettuce come from?' She wouldn't know. She would give the standard answer- 'Yes, it's okay.'" "I don't blame people for being nervous about it, because E. coli is very scary," said Leah McGrath, an Ingles Dietitian. "Spinach, whether they're buying it at the supermarket or eating it out- or lettuce, they have good reason to be a little nervous, I think." Just to reassure shoppers, the Ingles in Landrum posted signs to let them know the lettuce is safe. Kalure just wants to wait and see what happens next. "You just have to be sure that wherever your lettuce comes from or the spinach comes from, that it won't be the fields that are contaminated," said Kalure.

October 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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October 10, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

Summer is no longer here, and as the leaves change and fall starts to make an appearance, the temperature drops too. For Gilbert Allen, that means making more trips to his thermostat to keep his house warm. "We thought about a heat pump, but we found it to be expensive to have the walls insulated," said Allen. So instead, he and his wife decided to heat their home with oil. "It's about 250- gallons and we usually have oil deliveries about three times a year," said Allen. At about \$2.69 a gallon and three trips a year, the Allen's bill would be about \$200 a month if they paid monthly. That's less expensive compared to some other customers who use gas or electricity. The Allens and other customers get their oil from storage tanks at the Forrest Oil Company in Travelers Rest. "The price of heating oil is less than it was in 1980," commented Rosemary Retzer, manager of the oil company. "Our automatic customers many of them have already filled up their tanks. They're full and they're ready for the cold weather season," commented Retzer. Gaston Cox started delivering oil to homes 37 years ago. "First thing you do is pull your hose out, put it in the tank, fill it up and figure out the bill," said Cox. He says over the years prices have changed. "When I started it was about 18 cents a gallon and now it's up to \$2.69," commented Cox. Gilbert Allen says he's satisfied with his underground oil tank. He says it's money well spent, because when it starts to get cold, he'll be comfortable in his home and with his bill. "Both oil and gas get the house warmer quicker," said Allen. Here's another tip to keep those bills as low as possible if you use oil to heat your home. Experts say the best time to fill your storage tank is during summer months or early fall when prices for heating oil might be a little cheaper than in winter.

October 12, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
October 12, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

A Clemson University researcher says drivers see poorly at night and pedestrians overestimate how visible they are. Psychology professor Rick Tyrrell has studied night driving for 20 years. Tyrrell has conducted more than 30 experiments on how to help drivers and pedestrians be safer. At least three people died during the weekend when they were hit by cars in South Carolina. Tyrrell's research shows drivers steer pretty well at night, which may discourage them from slowing down. He also says most drivers rely too heavily on low beam headlights. Tyrrell says most pedestrians wear dark clothing, making them harder to see. He says when they do wear reflective material, it's usually a vest. Tyrrell says reflective material would be better on joints, to better show movement.

October 12, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
October 12, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

Officials say fall will bring more deer near the highways of South Carolina, increasing the risk of collisions. Wildlife officials say deer are looking for food and mates. There were nearly 17-hundred deer-vehicle collisions in South Carolina last year. Three people died and several hundred people were hurt. But that's down from about six thousand deer-vehicle collisions a decade ago, during a spike in the white-tailed deer population. There are about 750-thousand deer in South Carolina. Officials say the cooler weather means less vegetation, meaning deer are more likely to wander in their search for food. Highway and wildlife officials say gadgets designed to spook deer when a car approaches don't seem to work very well.

October 17, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
October 17, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

State health officials have announced a recall of egg salad made by Ballard's Farm Sausage Incorporated because of possible contamination. The salad was sold in 12-ounce containers as Ballard's Farm Egg Salad at Wal-Mart and other food retailers across North Carolina. The recall includes salads marked with a use-by date of November Seventh. The recall was issued after a sample in Wake County tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, which can cause serious or fatal infections in young

children or elderly people. Health officials say the bacterium also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women. Ballard's is based in Wayne, West Virginia. The egg salad also was sold in Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

October 17, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System is #1 in the state for dealing with heart problems, according to the healthcare rating company HealthGrades. The company surveys more than 5,000 hospitals nationwide, looking at 40 million medical records to rate hospitals on the quality of service they provide. You can check the ratings of all the hospitals surveyed by clicking on the associated links section.

October 17, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 17, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

If you've been ripped off or scammed, a state agency is making it easier for you to get one-on-one help. The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs has staff at the state fair in Columbia through Sunday, October 22. Just drop by the Hampton Building at the fairgrounds. In the upstate, you can find Consumer Affairs staff in Laurens at the public library on West Main Street this Thursday and again next month on November 16th. It's the agency's in-person version of an online service called "Ask Consumer Affairs" that's helped in more than 1,200 cases. Just check out the link to consumer affairs to use their online service.

October 22, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

If you smoke you could soon be asked to step outside of Greenville restaurants, bars, and any other public building. That's because the city council is proposing an ordinance that would ban smoking in amphitheaters, ballparks, hotel lobbies and bingo halls. The ban would also extend outside 10 feet from building entrances. And if the law passes smokers caught lighting up in banned areas could be fined \$50 dollars. Business owners who allow smoking in banned areas could be fined \$100 dollars the first time they're caught and \$200 dollars for every time thereafter. A Public Hearing is set for Monday at 5 p.m. on the 10th floor of City Hall in downtown Greenville. Anyone can sign-up to voice their opinions about the ban.

October 23, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

It tastes good, but it could make you sick. A recall on some "bad" egg salad we told you about Friday has been expanded to the Carolinas and Georgia. Health officials are expanding the recall to 17 states. Ballard's Farm Sausage Company says tests showed mixed results for Listeria. Listeria can cause serious, and sometimes deadly, infections in kids and older folks. If you bought the Ballard's Farm Egg Salad, you can return the 12-ounce containers for a refund.

October 24, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 24, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A disappointment for smokers, and a victory for non-smokers. The Greenville City Council is one step closer to making it illegal to light up at restaurants, bars and even near any business. Before Monday night's vote, both sides let the council know how they feel. The no-smoking sign in council chambers is something you may end up seeing all over Greenville. Council unanimously voted, on the first reading, to ban smoking in public places, like bars and restaurants, with few exceptions. The proposal has overwhelming support from doctors. "If we create these places in our city that are smoke free, it makes people who are trying to quit, it makes it easier for them," one doctor said. From one mother, who says her 15-year-old son has a

respiratory disease, and is often affected by second-hand smoke, even when they're in a no-smoking area. "It is a terrible thing to watch someone struggle to breathe. I would urge you to please support this ban for the health of him, and so many innocent people like him," she said. However, some businesses are concerned they'll lose money with this revised smoking ordinance. "I do agree smoking will kill me one day. But then again, life will kill me one day. I appreciate the doctors and their concern. The fact of it is that economically this could damage downtown when we are growing," one business owner said. Council believes we all have the right not to inhale second-hand smoke, but smokers, including the ones who protested outside city hall, think their rights are being restricted. "If you make exposure to second-hand smoke a choice, you've gone far enough to protect your citizens. It's my choice to go to a bar that allows smoking as it's your choice to not go to a bar that allows smoking," one person said. Remember, council must approve the new city ordinance on a second reading. If it's approved, and you're caught smoking that's a \$50 fine. Businesses are fined \$100 the first time and \$200 every time after that.

October 24, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

According to a consumer health advocacy group, North Carolina health-care premiums are rising faster than people's wages. A report released by Families U-S-A says premiums rose seven-and-a-half times faster than earnings during the past six years. For family coverage, premiums went from about 66-hundred dollars in 2000 to more than 12-thousand dollars in 2006 -- a nearly 86 percent increase. In the same period, median annual earnings went up by eleven-point-four percent. The group also says that premiums increased even as the benefits declined. According to Families U-S-A, one-point-three (m) million people in North Carolina have no health insurance.

November 9, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 9, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A major manufacturer of store-brand acetaminophen recalled 11 million bottles of the pain-relieving pills Thursday after discovering some were contaminated with metal fragments. There were no immediate reports of injuries or illness. Perrigo Co. said it discovered the metal bits during quality-control checks. The company passed 70 million pills through a metal detector and discovered the metal in about 200 caplets, according to the Food and Drug Administration. The fragments ranged in size from "microdots" to portions of wire one-third of an inch long. The recall affects bottles containing various amounts of 500-milligram caplets. Perrigo bills itself as the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand nonprescription drugs. The Allegan, Mich., company did not disclose the chains for which it manufactures the store-brand acetaminophen. A list of batch numbers and store brands affected by the recall was forthcoming, the FDA said. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., CVS Corp., and Costco Wholesale Corp. are among the companies Perrigo supplies with health care products, according to company Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Perrigo said the pills contained raw material purchased from a third-party supplier and affected 383 batches. Acetaminophen is best known as the drug in products sold under the Tylenol brand, but is widely available in generic versions. The recall does not affect Tylenol. The recall should not cause a shortage of acetaminophen, the FDA said. The voluntary recall is considered a Class II recall since it covers products that might cause a temporary health problem or pose only a slight threat of a serious nature, according to the FDA. Consumers with questions can call Perrigo toll free at (877) 546-0454. Consumers who swallow any of the contaminated pills could suffer minor stomach discomfort or possible cuts to the mouth and throat, the FDA said, adding that the risk of serious injury was remote. Anyone who suspects they have been injured should contact their doctor, the agency said. The FDA said Perrigo began investigating after realizing the equipment it uses to make pills was wearing down prematurely. To see a complete list of the stores affected, click on the link below <http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/perrigo/perrigocustlist.html>

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The U-S Department of Energy will set new standards to increase energy efficiency in 22 household appliances. That's under an agreement announced today by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. Fifteen states, including North Carolina, and New York City sued the Energy Department in 2005 for failing to enact stronger energy standards required by Congress. The suit led by Spitzer claimed the federal agency has failed to set tougher requirements for manufacturers that would save electricity, natural gas and oil. The new standards cover appliances such as air conditioners, dishwashers, furnaces, water heaters and fluorescent lamps. The standards will take effect at varying times from early 2007 to June 2011.

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Two Virginia-based organizations top the lists of the best and worst charities in South Carolina. That's according to the secretary of state's office. The agency's annual Scrooges and Angels lists identify charities registered in South Carolina that spend the most and least of their collections on programs related to their causes. Secretary of State Mark Hammond says the "angel" that gave the most to its cause was Operation First Response from Culpepper, Virginia. According to group's Web site, the all-volunteer organization helps wounded military personnel and their families with personal and financial needs. Hammond says it contributes 99 percent of the money it raises to its causes. Topping the "scrooges" list was the United States Public Policy Council, based in Fairfax, Virginia. Hammond's office says it contributes two-point-three percent of its funds to its cause.

November 15, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Doctors say when anyone comes down with whooping cough, the illness is nothing to sneeze at. If untreated, it can turn deadly. It's why all children are required by law to be vaccinated. Unfortunately, the immunity doesn't last forever as seen in Centerville Elementary. Parent Carolyn Pope said, "I was very shocked. Maybe they need to close the school for a few days, get it out of their system." School administrators say it all started two weeks ago when a student contracted whooping cough from a family member. Since then, 17 people at the school have come down with it, most of them are fifth graders which worries one student, who's also a fifth grader. Joshua Bannister said, "There were like 12 fifth graders that had it." Most children don't get it because they receive three vaccinations starting when they're babies. Doctors say by the time kids are 11, which is the usual age of a fifth grader, the effects can wear off leaving kids susceptible to the highly contagious disease. We talked to one student who's classmates got sick. Christian Wynn says, "They're like limping, coughing too much, sitting down and can't walk too much." Not wanting to face an outbreak like this again next year, the department of health may require all eleven year olds to get a booster shot.

November 15, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Wal-Mart Stores says it is adding South Carolina and ten other states to its four-dollar offer on some generic prescription drugs. Wal-Mart today is adding 502 stores to those offering the discounted medications. The company is also adding 17 prescriptions to the offering, bringing the total to 331 generic prescriptions. The four-dollar price is for up to a 30-day supply of the drugs. Other states besides South Carolina added today are Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington and West Virginia. Wal-Mart is now offering the program in three thousand stores in 38 states. The company began the program in September in Florida.

November 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 16, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Smokers used to taking a break just outside the doors at Carolinas Medical Center are going to have to go a little farther a new place to light up. Smoking has been banned on the hospital campus. That means not in the parking garage and not on the sidewalks. The ban also extends to campuses of all hospitals and doctors' offices owned by Carolinas HealthCare System. N-C Prevention Partners says out of 134 hospitals in North Carolina, about 50 others already have gone tobacco-free campuswide. Carolinas HealthCare officials announced the ban last December and spent months preparing employees by offering smoking cessation classes and low-cost nicotine patches. Employees caught violating the policy will be issued "Tobacco Use Citations." A Carolinas HealthCare System vice president says people will be referred to the employee assistance program and go through a disciplinary process.

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Description:

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November 24, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The mall is the place most people go when they hear about a tax free weekend. Most people look to save a couple of dollars, but how much are they willing to spend to save? It's not often you hear these words. "They're willing to come in and spend \$10, \$20, \$30,000 to save the \$300," said Todd Mozingo, Sales Manager of Dick Smith Automotives. \$300 is the state's tax on new cars. Mozingo said it's the first time he's ever heard of the tax free holiday applying to new cars, and he says it's been a big

boost for the Dick Smith Automotive. "A lot of people we've previously been working auto deals with have come in within the last day or two to take advantage of it as well," said Mozingo. Salespeople are the only one's cashing in. \$300 might not seem like much, but add that to other incentives, and you have yourself a pretty nice deal. A Deal, Maximilian Moore was trying to make. "You never know what you might find they have discounts and specials so that helps out a lot," said Maximilian. Spending several grand to save a couple hundred dollars might seem far-fetched, but to some it's a deal. From wheels to legs- furniture seemed to be a big item as well. Angie Cooley is looking to save a couple hundred on a kitchen hutch, and what better time to do so. "I figured since it was a tax free weekend it would be a great time to look," Cooley said. South Carolina's sales tax is 5-percent so furniture shoppers could definitely see big savings on those pricey pieces.

November 29, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 29, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Kids hop on swings and play on the jungle gym at the Kids-R-Kids Daycare Center in Greenville County. Outside they not only play with each other, but germs are having a field day too by jumping on their hands and bodies without being seen. However, Kayla Cahalan knows those germs are there. "We get dirty because just like playing with balls and stuff like that and playing on the jungle gym we get germs," said Cahalan. She's 9-years-old, and for the most part she plays outside and does her homework, but she also concentrates on washing her hands. "We have to go to the restroom and wash our hands and then we sit down in play centers," said Cahalan. Kids find a lot of things at those play centers. There are buckets of dominoes and toy trains, all which probably have germs on them. A new study shows that it is more difficult for elementary school teachers to get students to use soap when washing their hands than it is to get them to do their homework. According to the study, when that happens, it causes kids to adopt inconsistent hygiene habits. "I think kids are just kids and they keep it natural and you know what if I can play in dirt then I can eat it and they have that playful sense of humor about things," said Kelli Fenters, a teacher at Kids-R-Kids. So, signs are posted and those words "wash your hands" are heard often at the center. "The hand sanitizers, we keep it around and pass it and say hey why don't you wash your hands with this," said Fenters. We asked Kayla Cahalan which she likes most, washing her hands or doing homework. "Well washing your hands you don't get sick and homework is education, so I'll have to say both," said Cahalan. Her answer proves that some kids do get it. The study conducted by the NSF International Organization also shows that the water fountain has most germs of any surface in a school. For more information on teaching tools that educate kids about hygiene go to www.scrubclub.com.

December 5, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Holidays are usually a time to spend with family, but for many of us that means hopping on a plane. Unfortunately, ticket prices out of GSP are not as low as many of us would like them to be. A spokesperson with GSP says they don't like it, and they're doing something about it. As the holidays draw closer, and the temperatures drop lower, ticket prices seem to be getting higher. Although traveling can have it's hassles, many travelers told us GSP has its advantages like convenience. However, the one thing that's missing and needed at GSP is another low cost carrier. Since the departure of Independence Air, a spokesperson with GSP says they've been pursuing other low cost carriers. Rosylin Weston said, "We're constantly in contact with Jet Blue and Southwest and Frontier." Recently, Allegiant Air started service here and business is going well so far, but it only has flights to Orlando. GSP is hoping more airlines will follow because more airlines here, means more money in your pocket. Weston said, "Competition lowers the prices. If there's a low cost carrier, prices can lower." Not so long ago, Jet blue started flying out of Charlotte. Since then, GSP has been in talks with them to start service here. So far, it sounds like it's going in the right direction. She said, "So them going into Charlotte doesn't preclude them from coming here. We're confident we will get a low cost carrier. It is just hard to determine when that's going to be."

December 19, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 19, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Holiday revelers in many states _ including South Carolina _ will have to stock up a day early if they want to celebrate at home by raising a glass of champagne or well-aged scotch. Many states still have Sunday "blue laws" that restrict the sale of alcohol

on the Sabbath at liquor stores and supermarkets. Both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on a Sunday this year. Georgia, Connecticut and Indiana ban the Sunday sale of any alcohol for off-premises consumption. Other states like Minnesota, Oklahoma and Utah permit the sale of only weaker, low-alcohol beer on Sundays. Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Kansas and South Carolina are among the states that allow local communities to make their own Sunday rules.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:30am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

October 11, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 11, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

It's only five pounds of meth, but it's worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Now, a whole lot of methamphetamine is off the streets in the upstate but the investigation isn't over in Anderson County. Undercover work netted Anderson County a big bust. Right now, one man is in jail accused of bringing the meth here. The white stuff translated into green is a lot more- about \$227,000 more. The bust went down Sunday when a man from the Atlanta area allegedly delivered and sold the five pounds to an undercover narcotics agent in Anderson County. Because there may still be more arrests the Sheriff's Office won't tell us where in the county it happened or if it was at a home or a truck stop. The Sheriff's Office won't say if any one else was involved in Sunday's sting, but we have warrants that say an unnamed co-defendant played a role. The man already in custody is looking at at least 25 years in jail.

October 12, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 12, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

It took almost a year, but investigators say they now know who's behind five armed robberies throughout Anderson County. All of the suspects are in their early twenties, and all of them are looking at least twenty years behind bars. Investigators say it took almost a year, but good things come to those who work hard. Captain Tommy Williams, from the Anderson County Sheriffs Department said, "Because of the determination of my super sleuths." Some of the suspects are boyfriend and girlfriend and some even like to keep it all in the family. These two are brother and sister. These men and women are accused of crimes ranging from armed robbery to kidnapping. Anderson County investigators say they robbed at least four businesses and one home. Each one allegedly wore a mask and black clothes, and carried a gun when they did it. Captain Williams said, "It was not as quick as a smash and grab. It was pretty well planned out." The Little Caesars on Shockley Ferry Road was hit twice. Also robbed were two different Ingles- one on Highway 24, the other on Highway 81. Last on the list, and the largest of their mistakes, was an Anderson County home. Deputies say it was those victims who were instrumental in breaking up this band of bandits. Captain Williams said, "It wasn't an organized gang. I think it was just a bunch of thugs." Investigators say more arrests, and suspects could follow. We're told there is surveillance video of several of the robberies, but it won't be released until all the suspects are convicted.

October 18, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 18, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A toddler is left for dead, and investigators say they are looking for the person who killed him. Over the weekend, someone hit a two-year-old boy with a car and drove off. It happened at Mobile Home Park on Lower Grassy Branch Road in Asheville. We're told investigators are processing a car for forensic evidence, and until all the forensic tests come back it's not certain whether it is the car used to kill him. Investigators also say right now they will not identify who the driver or owner of the car is either. The spot where all the neighborhood children gather and play is empty now, but it's not the weather that's keeping them inside. Lupita Gonzales says, "I'm feeling depressed, and when I come here it makes me sad." Lupita Gonzales saw two-year-old Joshua Berrera lying lifeless in the middle of the road. She says, "His little hands, his fists were together." Investigators say someone hit the child as he was playing outside a neighbor's home on Saturday around 5 PM, and then just drove off. Jennifer Twitty, a neighbor of the victim, said, "I thought it was a blanket, then I thought it was a child asleep in the road, then I saw the blood." Twitty was driving to the store when she saw the little boy lying in the road all alone. She made a frantic 911 call. Dispatch: 911, police, fire, ambulance. Caller: Someone got hit by a car. (breathing heavy) Oh my God! (screams). Those screams are from the boy's mother. Twitty said, "The hardest part was keeping the mother away because I knew it was a crime scene." Although Twitty is a nurse, it sounds like there was nothing anyone could have done to save him. Dispatch: Is he conscious now? Caller: No, no Ma'am. Dispatch: Is he breathing? Caller: No he's not. Is he breathing? No. Dispatch: He's not breathing? Caller: No Ma'am. Dispatch: Is there anyone there who knows how to do CPR? Caller: He's dead. Jennifer says she didn't see skid marks, and neighbors told us they didn't hear a thing. Investigators say it's possible that hitting him was simply, a tragic accident, but leaving the scene is not.

October 19, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 19, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

An upstate woman is accused of murdering her best friend and now that friend's baby girl. Five weeks ago Anderson county deputies say Cynthia Marchbanks gunned down her pregnant best friend, Amber Robey. Yesterday the baby died and now investigators have charged Marchbanks with two counts of murder. Surrounded by her family Cynthia Marchbanks turned herself in once again, this time for murder of baby Haley Robey. Gwen Marchbanks, the suspect's mother told reporters, "My daughter is innocent. The truth will come out, my daughter is innocent." On September 8th Anderson county investigators say Cynthia Marchbanks shot her close friend in the

face over a scratch on her car. Amber Robey was almost seven months pregnant and died at the scene. Marchbanks claims the shooting was self defense although Robey was unarmed. Bobby Marchbanks, the suspect's father says, "Well you don't have to armed to fear for your life. She had to do what she had to do." In a hospital emergency room doctors delivered baby Haley via a c-section, but the massive loss of blood proved to be too much. The coroner says the shooting caused baby Haley to die just forty days later. Bobby Marchbanks says, "As you can see she's just devastated over the passing of the child. She's very upset." Marchbanks, will have to be booked again, and have another bond hearing. Then it'll be up to the solicitor to decide if she'll be tried for the death penalty. Bobby Marchbanks says, "We ask that everybody keeping praying especially for the Robey family and for our daughter as well."

October 24, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 24, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The huge blaze, almost two weeks ago, left lots of Anderson Hardwood Floors employees laid off, not knowing when they'll get to go back to their jobs. Investigators say it was no accident. They say an employee started the fire. John Thomas, with the Clinton Department of Public Safety, said, "Multiple witnesses attest to Robinson's involvement. That resulted in Robinson being named a suspect in the case. Robinson was subsequently interviewed and charged with the crime of arson in the second degree." 21-year-old Daniel Robinson is who Thomas is talking about. He says after a few tips from witnesses last week, investigators started interviews and then had the tough task of finding clues. Those clues led to Robinson. Thomas said, "It's very difficult anytime you have that magnitude of a fire. It's very hard to obtain physical evidence because of the destruction that it does. Fortunately, we were able to have some people who wanted to come forward and help us with this investigation." Plant Co-Owner Don Finkell says he was initially angry when he heard about the arrest, now he's sad. He says of Robinson, "He caused a lot of trouble for a lot of people and for himself." Director Thomas feels the same way. Thomas said, "It's very heartbreaking that those people had to lose their jobs, and of course they're a very vital part of our economy here in Laurens County."

November 6, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 6, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

An Iraqi court has found Saddam Hussein guilty of crimes against humanity and sentenced him to death. The ousted dictator and seven of his colleagues were charged in connection with the retaliatory murders of 148 Shiites who lived in a village where Saddam was the target of an assassination attempt in 1982. Two others, including his half brother, were also sentenced to death today, but one of the defendants was acquitted for lack of evidence. Baghdad had been under a virtual lockdown in anticipation of the Saddam verdict but there's been trouble anyway. Clashes broke out between police and gunmen in a Sunni district dominated by Saddam supporters. Elsewhere, Shiites celebrated, firing guns into the air, as children jumped with joy. Saddam was visibly shaken by the verdict, shouting, "God is great" and "death" to Iraq's enemies. The head of a Sunni bloc in Iraq's parliament predicts the verdict will spark even greater bloodshed. He says hundreds of thousands of people could die. With appeals, it could be months before the sentence is carried out. **Bush hails verdict as milestone for Iraq's young democracy** President Bush says Saddam Hussein's trial was "a major achievement for Iraq's young democracy." An Iraqi court found the ousted leader guilty of crimes against humanity in the 1982 killings of 148 people in a Shiite town. He was sentenced to death by hanging. Bush called the verdict "a milestone in the Iraqi people's efforts to replace the rule of a tyrant with the rule of law." The president noted that Saddam has a right to appeal his sentence and "will continue to receive the due process and legal rights that he denied to the Iraqi people."

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: New details are emerging on the man who police say killed himself on an Upstate college campus. Investigators say he was wanted for trying to kill his wife in Wilmington, North Carolina and somehow ended up on the

campus of Presbyterian College in Clinton. Last night sirens sounded on the usually calm campus when police received a call about a suspicious person. The next thing anyone knew, a man was dead. Today investigators say that man was emergency room doctor Joseph Arena of Wilmington. Investigators there say he tried to strangle his wife in their driveway on Tuesday morning. Clinton Chief John Thomas tells Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "We're trying to figure out what he was doing in Clinton, if he randomly picked Clinton." Clinton officers say once they arrived to speak with Arena, he became violent. Chief Thomas says, "He tried to get the officer and take him hostage..so there was a struggle around the truck." Investigators say it was during the struggle that Arena went into his truck, pulled out a gun, fired at the officer and then turned the gun on himself. A gun isn't the only weapon Arena had, inside a Wilmington newspaper he also wrapped up a knife. It also appeared Arena was living out of the truck now said to be stolen. Inside there was food, clothes, and slightly hidden underneath them, some rusty tools. Chief Thomas says, "There's still some unanswered questions he can't answer for us obviously." Officers say at least we'll never to know what could've happened. Thomas says, "The officer did a fantastic job, not only did he save his life, he probably saved the lives of others." Arena's wife survived the attempted strangling. The campus officer who struggled with Arena is also doing well.

November 13, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

It started out as a normal Friday afternoon for David Hooper. But things started to change as he was driving down I-85 and noticed his car starting to over-heat. Hooper decided to pull over along I-85 to check his car out. As Hooper was looking into his trunk for some anti-freeze a man pulled up and asked if he could help. Hooper says he told the man his car was just over-heating and that he would be fine. But as Hooper was leaning into his trunk the good Samaritan who earlier offered to help changed his intentions. David Hooper said, "The man stuck a gun to my side and said give me your wallet." What started as an armed robbery was about to take another twist. Hooper said the man told him to now get in the trunk so Hooper said he got into the trunk and shut the lid. Hooper was now locked in his trunk and with the temperatures Friday afternoon reaching in the upper seventies Hooper was now fighting for his life and trying to find a way out. Hooper said, "I tried to kick the seats out the back of the car I would get extremely hot and would feel like I was going to suffocate I would have to calm myself down." Six hours later Hooper found a latch that he says saved his life, "I finally took a black cover off and found a little arm and kept wiggling it and it popped the trunk of the car." Hooper says his biggest fear while locked in the trunk was that someone coming off I-85 would crash into the back of him. Hooper said he didn't get a good look at the suspect, but investigators say since the robbery happened around three o'clock Friday afternoon someone might have seen the robbery and not realized it. If you have any information on this robbery call Spartanburg CrimeStoppers at 58-CRIME.

November 13, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting that happened at Liquid Nightclub early this morning. Two men were injured and a 20-year-old Spartanburg man was killed. Investigators believe all three victims were inside a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria when the shooting happened. Police have released a sketch of a man they believe is involved in the shooting. If you have any information you are asked to call Spartanburg County CrimeStoppers at 58-CRIME.

November 13, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A five-hour armed stand-off in Greenville County ended Tuesday night with a man in jail and no one hurt. Deputies arrested Gerald French, Junior at his home on Davis Road. They say French assaulted his 17-year-old son, who called 911. At some point, his son left, but his younger son was still in the house. French allegedly started shooting, and that's when the other son ran off to a relative's house. Deputies claim French was drunk and making threats at them while holding a rifle. He refused to come out. A S.W.A.T. team used tear gas to get him to surrender. French is charged with assault and battery, and breach of peace. He's in the Greenville County Detention Center.

November 15, 2006
November 15, 2006

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description:

The day was rainy, so rainy that kids at Lolita's World of Wonder Daycare in Greenville County didn't have a chance to play outside. The daycare is located off White Horse Road. Parents come in and out, dropping off things for their children. However, what some of them may not know is the owner is accused of abusing a child. "I think that she should be in jail because if it was my daughter or me who did this we would be in jail," said Willie Pearl Watt, Icyton's grandmother. Watt says it's why her three-year-old grandson, Icyton, doesn't go to the daycare anymore. "She told him to lay down on the bathroom floor, he didn't know what she hit him with because he was on the floor," said Watt. She says last August, Icyton's mother picked him up from daycare and the owner, Lolita Hill told her she popped him for using the bathroom in his diaper. While in the car, Icyton's mother says he kept complaining about being popped. "So his mother pulled his pants down and that's when she saw all these pink blisters on his bottom and legs," said Watt. Willie Pearl Watt says it looked like more than pop. Her daughter took the boy to the hospital and then went to the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. After an investigation, cops arrested Lolita Hill and charged her with cruelty to children. "She said, 'Well, I will have him potty-trained in two weeks,' she didn't say she was going to beat the crap out of him to get him to use the bathroom," said Watt. In an incident report, it shows that during an examination, a doctor found pink welts on the boy's legs, his behind and on his right arm. The doctor told investigators it looked like someone hit Icyton with some kind of cord. Even though cops arrested Hill more than a year ago she's still running the daycare. "It's been over a year, and we want something done about it," said Watt. FOX Carolina spoke to an agent with the Department of Social Service who says they suspended Lolita Hill's license to operate, but she filed an appeal. So legally, she can run the daycare until that hearing. We tried to contact Lolita Hill and didn't get a call back. We're told that hearing is supposed to take place very soon.

November 26, 2006
November 27, 2006

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description:

Police say there was only one shot fired, and it came from the man who they say was trying to kill himself. Simpsonville police say two maids found bullet holes in the second floor hallway of a Holiday Inn Express. Police say a man inside a second floor room fired the shot before they showed up. Lt. Ralph Bobo said, "The bullet traveled through a wall into the door." Police evacuated the building, and found that many of the hotel guests didn't know anything had happened. "I heard a knock on the door and they told me I needed to evacuate there was a man upstairs with a gun," said Kenny Sanders who was staying at the Holiday Inn Express. After searching the building police found a man with a gun to his head. Police couldn't get him to come out so they called in the Simpsonville negotiation team. After a couple of hours of negotiating police say they learned why this man wasn't willing to give up so easily. Lt. Bobo said the man is wanted out of Georgia on felony charges. The standoff which started Sunday morning came to an end around noon when negotiators were able to talk the man out. However, he wasn't walking the man had shot himself in the face. Police say the man is at Greenville's Memorial Hospital with life threatening injuries. FOX Carolina got in touch with the Fannin County Sheriff's office who told us the man's name is Richard Lewis. They said Lewis is wanted for two rapes from November 23, and an armed robbery.

December 19, 2006
December 19, 2006

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description:

Officers are following up on several leads after a group of rapists attacked a woman, but they need more help from the public. The victim says she was raped and beaten last Wednesday in a parking lot next to Main Street in Mauldin. She told cops she was leaving the Southern Yankee Bar and heading to her car. Officers say she had half a beer, and it was only 8:30 at night. Investigator Ben Ford said, "It is a crime that would normally happen in a larger city one would think." A crime that's making a lot of people think twice in the small city of Mauldin. One woman said, "Shocked, shocked! I know I should watch my surroundings, but I feel perfectly safe especially in Mauldin." However, until the man in the sketch, and his three friends are

caught, police say there are no guarantees anyone is safe. Ford said, "We believe it was random at this point." The fact that the attack was random is scary to many women, especially those who work in the area where it happened. Linda Thompson said, "It's kind of weird because Mauldin is a very safe place, and I've never heard anything like this before it kind of shocked me." Officers believe the man in the sketch is the ring leader. They say he's the one who first approached the victim when she left the bar. While all of the men beat her, the victim says the man in the sketch along with another man raped her while the other two held her down. Police say she was raped in a dark blue king cab pick-up truck with no bed liner. It's believed to be a 4X4. If you have any information, call Mauldin police.

December 20, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 20, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Investigators now believe a shoplifter is to blame for a strange smell at a Greenville County store. Monday night, at least nine people at the Big Lots store on Anderson Road went to Greenville Memorial Hospital. They complained of nausea, and burning in the nose and throat. Investigators now believe a shoplifter sprayed pepper spray to create a distraction. Officials tested the store on Tuesday, and say everything is safe. The store is operating normally and everyone is okay.

December 20, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 20, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Police said Wednesday that Lloyd Lash, the second suspect in a home invasion case, has turned himself into police. According to police, just after this story aired on FOX Carolina, Lash turned himself over to Oconee County officials. Detectives say Lash and Ashley Campbell broke into a mobile home, and pulled a 12-gauge shotgun, and handgun on the people inside. Once inside, investigators say they threatened the owner, and his family if they didn't cooperate. Cops say the two stole cell phones, car keys and wallets. The victims called 911, and as cops headed down North Perkins Creek Road, they arrested Ashley Campbell, but they couldn't find Lash. Along North Perkins Road detectives found masks and gloves as they search for Lash early Monday morning. So as a precaution, administrators with the head start center put the school on lock down. They didn't allow children outside for several hours. Campbell and Lash face several charges including burglary and armed robbery.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 3, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 3, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

In the past two weeks alone, there have been three suspicious incidents at Upstate schools. The first took place September 19th, when officers say William Ostrander entered Greenville Middle Academy and roughed up a science teacher in a dispute over his child's grades. Even more troubling, is that Ostrander managed to skirt school security, simply by telling them he was there for a parent-teacher conference, when in fact, no appointment had been made. The school district is calling this an isolated incident. Then last Thursday, School Resource officers arrested a 15-year-old student in Greenwood County for bringing a gun to school. The gun was found in the trunk of the student's car at Emerald High School. It was not loaded. The student is facing several charges in that case. Then last Friday, authorities arrested an 11-year-old Laurens County student for bringing a B-B gun on a school bus. Investigators say the Hickory Tavern Middle School student showed the gun to classmates, and those students complained to their parents about it. That student is suspended, and could face expulsion.

October 4, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 4, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

Greenville County School officials say three schools in the Mauldin area have been put on lock down. This includes Mauldin Middle School, Mauldin Elementary School and the Golden Strip Career Center. Someone at the school reported seeing a person acting suspiciously outside the schools, and dressed in camouflage and possibly holding a gun. Stay with FOXCarolina.com and FOX Carolina for the latest on this story.

October 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 10, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

An exhibit at Clemson University has educators talking. It's called the "Corridor of Shame." It shows the poor condition of South Carolina schools, and it isn't pretty. Pictures speak louder than words, but when combined with words, they can make a very powerful statement. That's exactly what the "Corridor of Shame" exhibit at Clemson University is doing. Donna London, the exhibit's coordinator, said, "I think it's very sad. It's sad that it's right next door to all of us." The exhibit is through the eyes and mouths of elementary, middle and high school students from seven rural school districts in South Carolina, showing you what their learning environment is all about. London said, "I think these students are looking to our leaders for some change so that they are in better shape." The pictures show a dangerous light switch, a social worker who will be let go next year because of little funding and even books that are coming apart. London said, "That its very interesting at the bottom that you see all these kids, they're innocent, but at the same time come from them without any direction." Under the pictures are their own words, such as "art project gone wrong" or "mold creeping into our school." This came about after Abbeville versus the State of South Carolina court case last year, when a judge ruled there is adequate funding in the school district. London said, "We do need to be very complacent and strategic about how we are going to make environment for our future easy enough to learn within." A better future is exactly what these kids are hoping for. A documentary was also made about the conditions of the schools.

October 12, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 12, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

Some Byrnes High School students and their parents are on edge and are saying bathroom graffiti went too far. Now, they're demanding answers. While the school district insists steps are being taken to ensure safety. It's not a normal day at Byrnes High School. Sheriff's deputies are patrolling the halls, and some parents are pulling their kids out of class. Randy Robinson, a father of one student, said, "My daughter called me crying about this situation, so I'm up here with the parents to see what we can do." FOX Carolina caught up with a group of concerned parents in a nearby parking lot. They say bathroom graffiti was found earlier this week, making racist and violent threats, and naming specific students. Marandan Robinson, one Byrnes student, said, "Me and two other girls on the homecoming court were singled out, saying we were going to die and calling us names and things like that." Homecoming queen, Marandan Robinson says she, and the first and second runners up were named in the graffiti. It said something would happen to them Friday, October 13th. Her family is concerned that they weren't contacted right away. Rebecca Robinson Weeks, aunt of Marandan, said, "In this day and age with so much stuff going on, primarily they should have come to us and let us know something, but they didn't." However, Spartanburg District 5 officials say there are conflicting reports about what the graffiti said. Barry Reese, with Spartanburg District 5, said, "I'm not aware of any specific names that were mentioned in any graffiti." No matter what the message, police consider it a prank. However, Reese says the situation is still being taken seriously. Thursday, an announcement was made in school and parents were notified by phone. Reese said, "We're certainly not trying to hide anything, we want everyone who needs to know about this, to know about it." While the investigation into who wrote the graffiti is on-going, Spartanburg County deputies and Duncan Police will be working together to step up security. Chief Ryan Cothran, from Duncan Police, said, "We want them to still get their education and be able to come to school and feel safe and we're going to do everything possible we can to make them feel that way." The school district plans a normal schedule for students on Friday. The increased police presence will continue, along with the investigation.

October 17, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 17, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

The cafeteria is empty, teachers are getting into their cars and students are waiting for their parents to pick them up. "One of the administrators was on the speaker and she was really upset and none of us knew what was going on it scared a lot of us," said Kayla Susie, a student at Blue Ridge High School. Even though school is over for the day, students at Blue Ridge are talking about violent accusations swirling through the halls and a letter sent home to parents from the school's principal. "So many things have happened before in school, I didn't know what had happened or what was going on so, I was really nervous," commented Susie. It all started when a cop arrested two ninth grade boys on school grounds. We're told that back on September 20th, a student overheard two other students say they wanted to bring weapons to school. Detectives say the student told someone who lives in the community about the threat and then that person told the School Resource Officer. "It crosses my mind once a week, twice a month, wondering if something's going to happen," commented Leslie Susie, Kayla's mother. The letter to parents encourages anyone to report threats immediately. The 14 and 15 year-old are suspended and are now with their parents. They are waiting on an expulsion hearing to see if they will be able to return to school. "Innocent ones like my children and other children have to be threatened and feel insecure just going to school everyday. It's sad," commented Leslie Susie. Detectives with the sheriff's office say they didn't find any weapons on the students and they don't believe those students had access to weapons at the time. However, they say they take every threat seriously.

October 20, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 20, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

Americans pay the highest price for dropping out of school compared to other dropouts around the world. Adults who don't finish high school in the United States earn 65 percent of what people who have high school degrees make. No other country has such a significant income gap. Adults without a high school diploma typically make about 80 percent of the salaries earned by high school graduates in nations across Asia and Europe. Countries such as Finland, Belgium, Germany and Sweden have the smallest gaps in earnings between dropouts and graduates. The figures come from a study by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The report aims to help leaders see how their nations stack up. About one-third of students in the United States don't finish high school on time -- or at all.

October 19, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 19, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

It's one upstate school that needs a little work after being built almost 90 years ago. Marysville Community School in Pacolet is getting an extreme makeover with the help of the community. 74-year-old Amber Norris remembers going to school at Marysville years ago. "I played songs, piano and I think things were very nice here," said Norris. The school only has two classrooms, and a kitchen. Now, the place she spent seven years in is getting a facelift, and she couldn't be happier. "I think people doing the work are all nice, cause it needs it real bad," said Norris. Marysville Community School was one of the first African-American schools, and was built by a textile owner back in 1915. Soon it will be on the National Register of Historical Places, the first of its kind in the state. "Restore the school and reopen as it is being history for students to come and spend a day to learn how African Americans were taught," said Norris. Members of Leadership Spartanburg are working hard to get this place back in shape. For Pacolet's Mayor, Elaine Harris, choosing her town for the project is a dream come true. Harris said, "It's indescribable, gives you great pride and touches your hearts that people care." It's a way for many to give back to their community. They raised \$35,000 for this project, but they need more to complete the renovations. If you would like to help, you can contact the Spartanburg County Foundation at 864-582-0138.

October 24, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

A manhunt that forced several schools near the search area to lock down is now over. Officials tell us they have captured the man they were looking for since about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. We're told that students are being released from school with extra supervision. Deputies in Anderson County had put Wren High, Wren Middle and Wren Elementary schools on lock down as a precaution. Spearman, which is not far from the search area, was also on increased security. Investigators say that a burglary suspect they were looking for was captured just off of Highway 17 in Anderson County. We have a crew on the way to the scene, and we'll bring you more details as we get them. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

November 9, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 9, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

State education officials say the percentage of South Carolina students who passed the high school exit exam on their first attempt went up this year. Numbers released by the state Education Department today show that 75 percent of the 47-thousand mostly sophomores who took the test this spring passed both the English and math sections. That's up from 72 percent last year but still below the 76 percent of first-time test-takers who passed both sections in 2004. That's the first year the new, more rigorous exit exam was given. Students take the exit exam their second year of high school and must pass to graduate. Those who don't pass both sections on their first attempt can retake the test in following years.

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

Description:

Yancey County schools were supposed to re-open Wednesday, however school officials say there weren't enough staff members to run the school. That's because most of the faculty were out sick. As of Thursday night there have been nearly 300 cases of flu-like symptoms reported. Yancey County schools cancelled classes last Wednesday after nearly 250 students and more than 40 staff members started becoming sick. The plan was to start back this Wednesday, but school officials say a shortage in staff stopped that from happening. State Health officials say Yancey County may have the first two confirmed flu cases of the season. Officials say the first line of defense is containment. Neighboring Mitchell County also cancelled classes through the end of the week. That's because they saw about 30 cases on Wednesday. Both schools are planning on being open Monday depending on what the Health Departments recommends. The Center for Disease Control has a four-person team in Western North Carolina trying to figure out how this illness is spreading and if closing down the school is effective. If you plan on getting a flu shot there are some people with certain conditions who shouldn't get one. To find out if you are in that group,

go to the [As Seen On](#) Section of this website. There you can also find out more about the vaccine, and you can locate a flu shot clinic near you.

November 11, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 11, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Advocates of a plan to give tax breaks or money for private school tuition say low marks on the state's school report cards show parents need more choices in education. Governor Mark Sanford's education idea has failed repeatedly on the House floor but will be resurrected next year. Denver Merrill, spokesman for South Carolinians for Responsible Government says the report cards -- quote -- "only help our argument." But state Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum asked that the ratings released today be used constructively to improve public schools, not attack the system. She says it demoralizes teachers to get constant criticism. Most of South Carolina's 85 school districts earned lower marks on 2006 state report cards, the second consecutive year of declines.

November 17, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

Just about everyone in Travelers Rest is talking about all the rumors that are flying. One Travelers Rest High School student told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "It was a shock." The controversy is swirling right here at Travelers Rest High School, even kids who don't go to TR heard the rumors. Callen Hawthorne says, "There was a rumor going around school that a kid came in with a gun." Jade Maroni says, "My friend just told me that two people had guns in school." Brianna Hamilton says, "Like 25 kids at TR were threatening to kill themselves." The school district says all of those rumors are simply not true but that didn't stop 500 kids from going home early today. Parent Ann Vaughn who lives in TR says, "I would've kept my children at home. Q: Why is that? Because something could've actually happened." School administrators believe the hysteria has been swelling ever since two TR students committed suicide. Although the incidents were weeks apart, both girls were a part of the "Goth" crowd and the coroner says both girls hanged themselves. Parent Dan Spahr says, "It's unbelievable how anything could happen like that in our town, it's just mind boggling." School administrators don't believe the deaths are a result of a suicide pact either, but the school has beefed up security because they're taking every rumor seriously.

November 23, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 23, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Richland District One schools plan to hold walk-in interviews tomorrow for any teachers who might be visiting Columbia for Thanksgiving and want to consider moving. The district plans to do the same thing on the Wednesday after Christmas. The "Home for the Holidays" teacher recruiting campaign aims to capitalize on out-of-town teachers' desire to live closer to their families and friends in the Midlands. Recruiting coordinators Debbie Sullivan says the district is using the employees it has to invite visiting friends and family members. Sullivan says the best teachers come from a referral of another teacher. Richland One has more than 20 available positions and is looking for teachers to fill openings for next year, too.

December 5, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

After a five hour closed door session on Tuesday night, the Greenville County School Board responded to recent allegations that the district auctioned off school computer that allegedly contained students' personal information. The Board says that despite efforts to investigate the claims, they've been unable to determine if they are true. That's because the people who claim they brought the computers are remaining anonymous, and have attorneys speaking on their behalf. The accusers have also not provided the board with any documentation supporting their claims. Board member Chuck Saylor told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "We haven't seen any information in this alleged issue...The only thing we have is what's been reported in the papers." The school board says it's also reviewed its hard drive cleaning methods and contacted other purchasers of computer equipment. So far, the board has found nothing.

Attachments



Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 16, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
October 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Description:

An Environmental Protection Agency superfund site that was once one of the most polluted in South Carolina has been cleaned. A developer says the Macalloy Corporation steel site in North Charleston will soon be new construction as part of a six (B) billion-dollar effort to revitalize Charleston Neck. The neck is the finger of land between the Ashley and Cooper Rivers that serves as the gateway to Charleston. Magnolia Development plans to redevelop 450 acres along the neck. The project director says the old mill has been torn down and new water and sewer lines have been built. The mill had produced a super-hard stainless steel for almost 60 years before it closed in 1998 and put 200 people out of work. During the previous years, the 141-acre site had been cited for dozens of environmental violations. It was contaminated with chromium, arsenic, lead, mercury and zinc.

November 16, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
November 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Lines of thunderstorms hammered the South on Wednesday, turning a skating rink into a hulk of twisted metal soon after 31 preschoolers and four adults fled to the only part of the building that turned out to be safe. One child suffered a broken bone and another a cut to the head, but everyone else emerged unharmed from the crumpled wreck of the Fun Zone Skate Center, which doubled as a day-care facility. "I'm amazed that anyone got out of there," said Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright. Several states were battered by the storms, which unleashed tornadoes and straight-line winds that overturned mobile homes and tractor-trailers, uprooted trees and knocked down power lines. At least one person was killed and several injured. Authorities were unsure whether it was a tornado that hit the skate center about 10:15 a.m. Jon Slaughter, who owns two nearby businesses, arrived at the skating center with two employees about five minutes after the building was ripped apart. "What I saw was just utter destruction," said Slaughter. "The children were scared, they were cold and dirty. They were crying and upset, but really they were calmer than I thought they would be." The manager of the day-care center operating inside the building had made everyone get into the section of the building that survived the high winds. "She may have saved many of these children's lives," the mayor said. Two people crawled under the beams and wreckage looking for kids, apparently in disbelief that everyone inside could have walked out. "I wasn't panicked until I saw the building," said Russell Grant, who showed up to take home his 5-year-old son, Justin, after hearing what had happened. Dozens of buildings were damaged in four southwestern Mississippi counties and across the state line in three Louisiana parishes. At least one tornado cut a path about two miles wide and three or four miles long in Greensburg, La., north of New Orleans, toppling trees and damaging buildings and power lines, said Maj. Michael Martin of the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office. A 43-year-old man was killed when the trailer he was in was destroyed, he said. "That home just exploded," said Gordon Burgess, president of neighboring Tangipahoa Parish. In Mississippi's Lamar County, emergency operations center director James Smith said a possible tornado struck a subdivision outside Sumrall around 2:50 a.m., damaging or destroying 11 homes. Smith said six people were taken to hospitals from the Sumrall area, and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency said two other people were injured in Greene County. Along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, devastated last year by Hurricane Katrina, rain flooded streets and closed some schools. City Hall in Biloxi suffered roof and water damage, and Mayor A.J. Holloway told The Sun Herald it appeared that a small tornado had touched down in the area. As much as 4 inches of rain fell in southern Alabama, flooding some homes, authorities reported. A tornado in rural Pike County destroyed a volunteer fire department and knocked down a water tower, flooding the area, a sheriff's official said. A possible tornado tore through a community south of Montgomery, toppling trees, overturning a mobile home and knocking out power at a school. Storms overturned trailers in the southeast Alabama town of

Elba, injuring several people, police investigator Tony Harrison said. In Arkansas, the thunderstorms toppled tractor-trailer rigs along Interstate 40 in Arkansas, and police said at least four people were hospitalized. Authorities said a hotel near Wheatley had structural damage. The storms caused flash flooding in Arkansas, including the Little Rock area, where police said they rescued two people who escaped high water by climbing trees. More than 3.5 inches of rain fell at Little Rock, including more than an inch in 20 minutes at the city's airport, the weather service said. Hail the diameter of quarters pounded areas west of the city.

November 16, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
November 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Description:

At least seven people were confirmed dead after a tornado tore through a tiny North Carolina town early Thursday, as severe thunderstorms battered the southeast for a second day, leaving thousands without power and more deaths being blamed on the wicked weather. During an afternoon press conference Thursday, North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley said there were seven confirmed deaths and 20 hospitalized. There are four people unaccounted for but that doesn't mean they are necessarily dead or injured, he added. Columbus County Emergency Management officials said the death toll near the town of Riegelwood, about 20 miles west of Wilmington, could climb to nine after a tornado touched down there just before 7 a.m. ET., leveling dozens of homes, most of which are prefabricated construction, the Wilmington Star-News reported. About 30 to 40 homes were damaged in the mobile home part in Riegelwood that was torn apart by the storm, Easley said. About 30 families are taking refuge in a shelter in town. "We're going to do everything we possible can to get peoples' lives back together just as soon as we can and help make them whole again," Easley added. Two other storm victims died in car crashes early Thursday as heavy rain pelted North Carolina and South Carolina Electric and Gas Company said one of its workers, Ken Butler, 41, was electrocuted Thursday morning while working to restore power knocked out by a thunderstorm. A man died Wednesday when a tornado struck his home in Louisiana as the storms began their path of destruction across the South. That brings the total confirmed death toll to at least 11 since the storm first started moving through the South. The line of severe weather was reported moving through central Virginia at noon, where tornado and flood warnings were posted as far north as Baltimore. "We've stepped across bodies to get (to) debris and search for other bodies here this morning," said Columbus County Commissioner Sammie Jacobs. Lt. Everett Clendenin of the North Carolina Dept of Public Safety told FOX News shortly before 10:30 a.m. Thursday that local officials and rescue personnel are on the ground investigating reports of more fatalities. He said at least four homes were totally destroyed by tornadoes. "We hope people were ready for it ... local news had been reporting that the storms were coming, a tornado warning was issued," he said when asked whether residents were prepared for the storm. "Most of the severe weather has moved out of North Carolina but all along, we've been telling people to heed these warnings," Clendenin added. "Hopefully everyone who needs help is getting it." The storms were expected to clear out of the area by afternoon, but serious dangers remained. About 13,000 people were still without power as of 2:30 p.m. ET, Easley said, warning residents of downed power lines. There are numerous reports of damage in Alabama, Mississippi, the Florida Panhandle and North Carolina, as well as huge amounts of rain, wind, and even hail. The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for central North Carolina, which is in effect until 3 p.m. ET Thursday. The weather service also issued an urban and small stream flood advisory for Nash County in central North Carolina. In North Carolina, dozens of homes were destroyed when the tornado struck the Cape Fear River community of Riegelwood, about 20 miles west of the coastal city of Wilmington. Searchers had found seven bodies in the wreckage by midday, and "that number very well may go up," said County Commissioner Chairman Kip Godwin, the designated spokesman for the county's emergency management office. "When a tornado hits a mobile home, it's probably much more devastating," Godwin said. "Most of these homes were blown off their foundations and are now just piles of debris." Alton Edwards, a member of the volunteer Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue team, said storm struck "with very little warning." "There were cars on top of one another," he said. "It's just about as bad as it gets." Officials at hospitals in Columbus County and neighboring New Hanover County said they were treating 22 people with storm-related injuries and that at least five, including four children, were in critical condition. Easley activated the State Emergency Response Team and sent in emergency crews. Off shore, a Coast Guard helicopter lowered a pump to a fishing boat that was taking on water in 15-foot seas about 50 miles southeast of Charleston. There was one crewman aboard the 34-foot boat, which the Coast Guard escorted back to land. 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Gordon Burgess, president of neighboring Tangipahoa Parish. In Montgomery, Ala., high winds destroyed a skating rink Wednesday soon after 31 preschoolers and four adults fled to the only part of the building that turned out to be safe. One child suffered a broken bone and another a cut to the head, but everyone else emerged unharmed from the crumpled wreck of the Fun Zone Skate Center, which doubled as a day-care facility. In Mississippi's Lamar County, emergency operations center director James Smith said a possible tornado struck a subdivision outside Sumrall around 2:50 a.m., damaging or destroying 11 homes. Smith said six people were taken to hospitals from the Sumrall area, and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency said two other people were injured in Greene County. In North Carolina on Thursday, high winds injured two people, one critically, in Iredell County, The Charlotte Observer reported. Fallen trees blocked roads in Lincoln County, the newspaper reported. Another possible tornado struck about midnight in eastern Gaston County, where a steeple was destroyed and part of the roof ripped off a church. Duke Energy reported nearly 3,000 customers without power in Gaston County, about 1,200 outages in Iredell County, and nearly 900 outages in Lincoln County.

November 20, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
November 20, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A surprise late El Nino and unusually dry air over the Atlantic led to a slightly below-average hurricane season this year. That contradicted the predictions of Colorado State University hurricane forecasters William Gray and Philip Klotzbach. Gray and Klotzbach had predicted a well-above-average season in their forecasts issued in December, early April and late May. Gray says -- quote -- "We admit we bust." The 2006 Atlantic hurricane season had nine named storms, five hurricanes, two major hurricanes and no Category four or five hurricanes. The team said the season started nearly a month earlier than average and had the fewest named storms since 1997, the fewest hurricanes since 2002 and the fewest named storms to make U-S landfall since 2001. The C-S-U team has provided seasonal Atlantic basin hurricane forecasts for 23 years. Its first forecast for the 2007 season is scheduled for December eighth.

November 27, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
November 27, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Governor Mark Sanford says he wants to add 20 (m) million dollars to the state conservation bank to set aside land for future generations. Sanford told reporters at a boat landing near Ravenel this morning that over the next ten years, the state's population is expected to grow by another one (m) million people. He says the state is developing almost 200 acres of timber and farmland each day. Sanford says the land bank has protected more than 72-thousand acres in South Carolina. Some of the significant tracts include Bonneau (Bon-oh) Ferry, and parts of the Wee Tee Forest in Williamsburg and Georgetown counties.

Attachments



Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

October 4, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 5, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Are we prepared for a terror attack? On Wednesday night hundreds participated in a disaster drill. This drill is a real time exercise of how emergency workers would respond if terrorism should strike the Upstate. The drill starts off with a chemical attack in York County. Then just hours later in Greenville County, the drill shows how workers would respond to terrorists shooting down a plane taking off at GSP. Workers used a bus to simulate a plane, and a smoke machine to simulate a working fire. One actor pretending to be a victim said, "I'm burning all over, I'm coughing real bad, I can hardly breathe." He's one of the hundreds of players in this disaster drill. Along with those firefighters who are pretending to rescue victims trapped inside a plane. If this were a real terrorist attack the scene would undoubtedly be more chaotic, and there would be real blood instead of make-up. But the set-up of the scene would be the same. There was a yellow tent used for decontamination that every victim would have to go through before medical treatment. There was even a makeshift emergency area to treat victims. Along a hill sat a robot used to look for an imaginary live bomb, but the only thing that's real is that all of this is just a lesson. Captain W. R. Sizemore with the Boiling Spring Fire Department reassures everyone by saying, "This is just a drill." It's an important lesson no one wants to see put to the test. The entire cost of the exercise cost about \$100,000. The funding came from a grant provided by the Department of Homeland Security.

October 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 10, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

When you make your decision in November, are you sure you know what the person you're voting for believes in? A non-partisan website makes it easy for voters to know exactly what they're getting at the ballot, but the problem is too many South Carolina candidates are refusing to participate. It just makes sense. Ask politicians to answer simple questions about abortion, gay rights and taxes. Then post their answers on the web. That way, there's no surprise for voters when it's time for a lawmaker they put into office to vote yes or no on any issue. Project Vote Smart claims to be a unique research center high in the Montana Rockies. It's staffers are volunteers- young and old- all working to protect democracy and our right to vote. One upstate voter said, "I feel good as a citizen, and I have a responsibility to vote." However, numbers from the South Carolina Elections Commission show not everyone shares the same opinion. This year is an off-year election, which means usually voter turnout is low. The last off-year election in 2002 had more than two million people registered to vote, but only a little more than half actually cast a ballot. Voter totals jump when its time to vote for a President. In South Carolina, of the more than two million voters, 70-percent made it to the polls. That's about a 15-percent difference. Another upstate voter said, "I vote every single time." Maybe one reason people don't vote every single time is because the candidates don't even bother to let them know where they stand. Project Vote Smart gave all of South Carolina's candidates an opportunity to do so, and still most of them refused. Filling out the simple issues survey creates a big convenience for voters, and saves candidates a buck or two in advertising. Candidates who refused to fill out the issues survey

are dodging questions about when abortions should be legal and whether to spend more money on prisons or if they support the death penalty. Only 6 of the 16 people running for Congress answered those questions. 29 of the 108 people running for state representative did the same. Also, neither of the two candidates vying for the states highest office bothered to let us know where they stand.

October 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 16, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

An Upstate lawmaker says he will file a bill before the end of the year than would ban drivers under age 18 from using a cell phone while driving. Pacolet (Pack-let) Representative Lanny Littlejohn wanted to extend the ban to all drivers, but says he got stiff opposition from communications companies. Littlejohn introduced a similar bill that died last session. Pickens Senator Larry Martin has asked the Public Safety Department for statistics that link cell phone use to automobile accidents. Martin opposes a cell phone ban. But he says he supports giving more money to state troopers so they can be more aggressive in stopping people who are driving dangerously because they are distracted. Martin says there are growing problems with people driving while distracted.

October 24, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 24, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

U.S. officials said Tuesday Iraqi forces should be able to take full control of security in the country in the next 12 to 18 months with "some level" of American support, and Iraq's leaders have agreed to produce a timeline for making "hard decisions" to ensure progress in stabilizing Iraq. "We are about 75 percent of the way through a three-step process in building those (Iraqi) forces," Gen. George Casey said at a joint news conference alongside U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad in Baghdad's Green Zone. "It is going to take another 12 to 18 months or so 'til I believe the Iraqi security forces are completely capable of taking over responsibility for their own security that's still coupled with some level of support from us," said Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq. Casey said he felt the United States should continue to focus on drawing down American forces in the country, adding that he would not hesitate to ask for more troops if he felt they were necessary. With violence in Iraq at staggering levels, the United States is battling on both the military and political fronts to tame growing chaos in regions where Sunni insurgent violence now is compounded by sectarian killing. Khalilzad said the Iraqi government had agreed to develop a timeline by the end of the year for meeting goals such as disarming the militias and devising a system to share the country's oil wealth among all religious and ethnic groups. "Iraqi leaders must step up to achieve key political and security milestones on which they've agreed," Khalilzad said. His comments came a day after Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said U.S. government and military officials were working with Iraq to set broad time frames for when Iraqis can take over 16 provinces that are still under the control of U.S. troops. He said officials were not talking about penalizing the Iraqis if they don't hit certain benchmarks. The Iraqis have taken control of two southern provinces but have been slow to take the lead in others, particularly those around Baghdad and in the volatile regions north and west of the capital city. Khalilzad said the government should transform the committee that was formed to ensure that Saddam Hussein's loyalists held no important national positions into an organization that would seek to entice them back to the political process. That was seen as a bow to the Sunni insurgency. Sunnis comprise a minority of the population in mostly Shiite Iraq but were dominant under Saddam's regime. "We are helping Iraqi leaders complete a national compact. ...Political forces must make difficult decisions in the coming weeks to reach agreements on numbers of outstanding issues on which Iraqis differ," Khalilzad said. Casey and Khalilzad castigated Iran and Syria, Iraq's neighbors east and west, for trying to undermine the American effort to stabilize the country, with Casey saying both countries had been "decidedly unhelpful." Khalilzad said radical anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr had agreed through Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to U.S. demands that the government develop a timeline that would include the eradication of militias. Al-Sadr controls the Mahdi Army, the country's most feared band of armed men, largely drawn from the downtrodden, poor and unemployed in Baghdad's Sadr City, a Shiite slum enclave. The U.S. ambassador said the United States was engaging with insurgent leaders, trying to persuade them to lay down their weapons and join the political process. He also announced the Americans had sought and received agreement from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan - all largely Sunni Muslim countries - to intercede with the insurgency

October 25, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

First Lady Laura Bush will be on the campaign trail in North Carolina next week on behalf of Representative Charles Taylor. Taylor's office says Bush is to participate in a campaign event next Tuesday at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center. The eight-term lawmaker is locked in a tough fight with Democratic challenger Heath Shuler in the district that covers far western North Carolina. The congressman is making a series of appearances with Senator Richard Burr in the district. They started today by presenting a check for a 183-thousand-dollar low-interest rural development loan to the volunteer fire department in Bryson City. Taylor is facing his toughest challenge in years from Shuler, a Bryson City native who played quarterback for the University of Tennessee and in the N-F-L.

November 7, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 7, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Poll managers across South Carolina say they've seen heavy voter turnout in the early hours today. They think voters may have been trying to dodge expected heavy rains. In Lexington County, poll manager Ottis Smith said voters had half-hour waits at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, which he called a "very heavy turnout" for a midterm election. At Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, the poll manager says 94 voters came in by midmorning. That's compared to 110 all day during the primary. Some voters who turned out early said they split their ballots. In Lexington, Gene Ellison says poor road building and his unhappiness over Governor Mark Sanford's disputes with other Republican lawmakers brought him out to vote for Tommy Moore and he voted for Democratic education superintendent candidate Jim Rex. But Ellison says he voted for G-O-P incumbent Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer. Mary Alice Bechtler of Lexington says she supports Sanford because she thinks he will protect the environment. But she backs Democrat Robert Barber for lieutenant governor because of Bauer's multiple stops for speeding.

November 7, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 7, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The countdown begins to get rid of political ads, those personal phone calls from candidates, and yes, the congestion of election signs. If political ads are in first-place for the worst part of Election Day, political signs are a close second. "I think it's litter," says Ian McLean. "I just get so fed up looking at them. There are so many. It's confusing." "That really doesn't bother me, because I know that it's necessary," explains Vickie Burns. "And I have a brother who's in politics, so I know you have to do that." They won't stay up for long, or at least they shouldn't. Local cities and counties have strict rules about election signs. For example in the city of Greenville, they must disappear five days after the election. If they don't, the candidate could be fined \$1200 for every day they're left up. "What do you do with all the landscape clutter?" asks Steven Bryant, owner of Chick-fil-a Cherrydale Point. "We thought we could offer an incentive to get folks to be part of the solution for that." Gotta love Chick-Fil-A. Anyone who grabs at least one election sign on Wednesday and brings it in to certain Chick-Fil-A restaurants, gets free food. "If you come before 10:30, you get a free breakfast item, and after 10:30, a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich. One sign or ten signs, it's a free Chick-Fil-A product." It seems like everyone wants the signs gone. "Come Wednesday, they need to come down," Burns says. "It needs to come down, and I'll be very happy. I think everybody will." "I've seen enough," says McLean. "They're everywhere."

November 8, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 8, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A range of reaction following today's announcement that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is stepping down. President Bush called him a "superb leader during a time of change." Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice commended Rumsfeld for serving his country "honorably and skillfully." A spokesman for the U-S military in Afghanistan says Rumsfeld's departure won't change the day-to-day job confronting troops on the ground. There's criticism of Rumsfeld from a member of Iraq's parliament, who says the change should have happened "a year ago." He says nothing has been achieved in his country under Rumsfeld's watch. And while House Majority Leader John Boehner says Rumsfeld's vision and passion will be missed, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid calls the move a step in the right direction.

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Election commissions in South Carolina's 46 counties were looking at provisional ballots today as undecided races for lieutenant governor and education superintendent headed closer to an expected statewide recount next week. State Election Commission lawyer Gary Baum says counties could finish those counts and report their final numbers to the state the end of the day. This is --not-- the first time two statewide contests have headed into the uncertainty of a recount after voters left results within the one percent range that triggers a mandatory second tally. In 1998, races for treasurer and comptroller general were too close to call and headed to a recount.

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Some Aiken County businesses like the possibility of combining all of the country's plutonium processing at the Savannah River Site. But opponents say the United States doesn't need any more nuclear weapons. The Energy Department wants to consolidate where it handles plutonium to one site by 2030. The Savannah River Site is one of five places being considered. The National Nuclear Security Administration held a public hearing on the possibility today in North Augusta. A consolidated site would be responsible for making new plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons. The Energy Department plan calls for the overall reduction of the nation's nuclear stockpile, but also calls for a new generation of nuclear weapons to be created to replace Americas aging weapons.

November 15, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The State Election Commission Wednesday morning ordered recounts for lieutenant governor and state education superintendent. The decision comes because the results of the November 7th voting were within the one percent margin that requires a recount. Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer led Democrat Robert Barber by 32-hundred 30 votes. Democrat Jim Rex led Republican Karen Floyd by 483 votes in the race for education superintendent. Bauer and Rex have already claimed victory. The recount will begin Thursday morning. Once the recount results are certified, candidates have five days to challenge the results. Two House races will be recounted. Democrat Denny Moss faces Republican Danny Stacy in District 29 and Republican Wallace Scarborough faces Democrat Eugene Platt in District 115.

November 15, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The races for education superintendent and lieutenant governor remain too close to call. Recounts were ordered today by South Carolina election officials. The races finished within the one percent margin of victory that requires a recount under state law. State officials previously told county election boards to prepare to count the ballots again tomorrow. In the education superintendent race, Democrat Jim Rex led Republican Karen Floyd by 564 votes. In the other close race, Republican Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has a lead of more than three-thousand votes over Democrat Robert Barber. Recounts also were ordered in two state House races. In District 29, final official results today showed Democrat Dennis Moss led Republican Danny Stacy by 63 votes in Cherokee, Chester and York counties. In House District 115, Republican Wallace Scarborough of Charleston, who is seeking a fourth term, led Democrat Eugene Platt by 40 votes.

November 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 16, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The F-B-I and the Energy Department are opening a new forensic lab at the Savannah River Site near Aiken. The lab at the Savannah River National Laboratory will be used to examine radiological material and associated evidence. The Justice Department says the lab will be used by the F-B-I and intelligence agencies involved in the prevention of terrorism and the distribution of radiological materials. The Justice Department says the Savannah River Site provides a safe area to examine radiological material. Jeff Allison with the Energy Department says the F-B-I will be to take advantage of the safety, security and radiological protection of the Savannah River Site.

November 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 16, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Unofficial statewide recount results show Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer fended off a Democratic challenger for a second term, and Democrat Jim Rex defeated a Republican opponent for state education superintendent. Bauer finished the recount with three-thousand-108 votes more than Barber. Rex came out with a lead of 455 votes. Richland County was the last of the state's 46 counties to report results. If the outcome stands, South Carolina Democrats will hold just one of nine statewide constitutional elected offices. Democrats once dominated state government. Barber scheduled a news conference for tomorrow morning in Columbia an hour after the state Election Commission meets to certify the results of the recount. Lachlan McIntosh, Barber's campaign manager, would -- not -- say Barber planned to concede. Barber and other candidates will have five days to challenge the outcome.

December 4, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 4, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Savannah River Site officials say a tritium extraction facility is now up and running. Officials yesterday said operations had begun at the 506 (m) million-dollar facility, which pulls the radioactive form of hydrogen gas needed for modern nuclear weapons out of metal targets. National Nuclear Security Administration officials say the new facility at the former nuclear weapons complex near Aiken will keep the U-S supplied with tritium indefinitely. Tritium was last produced at S-R-S in 1988. Construction on the new facility was completed in January 2005 -- nearly a year ahead of schedule. Since then, operators have been training on how to use it. Tritium extracted at S-R-S is shipped to the Department of Defense, where it is installed into weapons.

December 5, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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December 5, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News
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Description:

Despite a survey that suggests otherwise, the state Wildlife Resources Commission voted this morning to back legislation to lift a ban on Sunday hunting. The commission voted to send a report to the legislature on Sunday hunting along with their vote after a consultant said the issue is one of the most polarizing he has ever seen. Mark Duda (DOO'-duh) says a survey he conducted shows 65 percent of the general population opposes Sunday hunting and 25 percent support it. Duda also says any increase in license sales would be offset by the money needed to pay additional game wardens. The Reverend Mark Creech is the executive director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina. He says his membership is very opposed to Sunday hunting under any condition. Creech says the primary reason is the belief of members in thousands of evangelical churches that Sunday is a day of rest.

December 5, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A road in Greenville has been closed down for almost a year and its made a lot of neighbors angry. Part of Third Avenue, which is off Easley Bridge Road, was closed off when a culvert collapsed. The department of transportation describes this as a culvert that has collapsed. Heavy rains and years of deterioration caused the culvert to break..and that ended up causing a water main break. Nine year old Tyler Walker, says he almost broke a bone when he fell in. He tells Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "I slipped on the rocks, I fell in, hit my back on there, I couldn't breath for awhile." His mom Ann Walker says the more it rains, the bigger it gets. She says, "Please fix our road we need our road fixed, it's been too long." Tyler only had a couple of scrapes and bruises but he worries what could happen, now that the street is caving in. He says, "They need to fix it before someone falls in again and breaks their back." Jamal Smith Ramsey is also worried. That's why he walks his little sister home from school every day. He says, "Its been like this for months." Department of transportation engineer Mike Holden says he understands the frustration. That's why he's been by here several times. He says, "It's a fairly complex project..." But he also has some good news. He says soon, this will all be just a memory. Holden says, "We're finally there and we should have a finished project in a month or so. We think January 1, by end of December hopefully."

December 5, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The chairman of South Carolina's Democratic Party says he expects to host a presidential debate in Columbia next spring. Joe Erwin says the debate would be tied to the April 27th Jefferson-Jackson Dinner and the state party convention the next day. Erwin says he's begun informal talks with T-V networks that might be interested in carrying the debate, which is nine months before South Carolina's first-in-the-South presidential primary on January 29th, 2008. Erwin also says New York Senator Hillary Clinton has been making some calls to potential supporters in the state. He says other Democratic hopefuls, like Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd and Delaware Senator Joe Biden have also been doing some outreach in South Carolina.

December 15, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 15, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A House committee formed to study how North Carolina should govern stem-cell research has no guidance on the issue in its recommendation to the General Assembly. The recommendation approved yesterday says The House Select Committee on Stem Cell Research, "encourages the General Assembly to enact legislation to provide ethical guidelines for the conduct of stem cell research in the State." Mecklenburg County Representative Martha Alexander is co-chairwoman of the committee. The panel held several hearings over 21 months and heard testimony from at least 12 experts, but she says it couldn't agree on a more substantive proposal because stem-cell research is so controversial. Stem cells are considered key to solving many incurable diseases because they have the potential to develop into different cell types. Opponents compare some of the research to abortion.

December 18, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 18, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

House Speaker Bobby Harrell wants to encourage hydrogen fuel research in South Carolina. The Charleston Republican says he would like 15 (m) million dollars in state grants and tax credits to companies that work with state-based institutions for hydrogen fuel research. Harrell says the incentives are needed to help South Carolina become a leader in alternative fuels and to create jobs. The financial incentives could be important tools to help the University of South Carolina get research partnerships with private companies. U-S-C has been seeking tenants for a private alternative fuel research building under construction on campus. Harrell says university officials have told him they need the state incentives as an additional tool to attract the private research partners.

December 19, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 19, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Governor Mark Sanford wants legislators to provide 100 (m) million dollars in the coming year to start work on a road to a proposed new State Ports Authority terminal in North Charleston. The State Ports Authority plans a terminal at the old Charleston Navy Base that could handle three ships. Sanford says he would request an additional 177 (m) million dollars to complete the highway in future requests. The governor says he will work with lawmakers to make the proposed port in North Charleston and one proposed for Jasper County a reality. The governor has been releasing parts of his proposed budget for the coming year. Lawmakers will start work on the spending plan next month.

December 27, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 27, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Gerald Rudolph Ford, the 38th president of the United States, died Tuesday at the age of 93 years old. No cause of death was stated by his family in their announcement. Ford had battled pneumonia in January 2006 and underwent two heart treatments - including an angioplasty - in August at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He died at 6:45 p.m. PST at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. "My family joins me in sharing the difficult news that Gerald Ford, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather has passed away at 93 years of age," Ford's wife, Betty Ford, said in a brief statement issued from her husband's office. "His life was filled with love of God, his family and his country." President Bush said Wednesday that Americans came to know Ford as a man of "complete integrity" at a time filled with political turmoil. "He assumed power in a time of great division and turmoil for a nation that needed healing and for a office that needed a calm and steady hand. Gerald Ford came along when we needed him most," Bush said from his ranch in Crawford, Texas. "Americans will always admire Gerald Ford's unflinching performance of duty and the honorable conduct of his administration and the great rectitude of the man himself. We mourn the loss of such a leader and our 38th president will always have a special place in our nation's memory." Ford is survived by his wife of 58 years, four children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his brother Richard of Grand Rapids, Mich. Funeral services will be held in Washington, D.C. and Grand Rapids, and he will lie in repose in both those locations as well as in Palm Desert, Calif. The Gerald R. Ford Library on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor is also expecting visitors who wish to pay their respects. A respected and beloved elder statesman in his post-White House years, Ford ascended to the presidency in the wake of the Nixon administration scandals. Ford was the first and only president to reach the Oval Office having never been elected vice president or president. While his most controversial move as president was his quick pardoning of Richard Nixon, Ford always maintained he did so to hasten the nation's healing. He pardoned Vietnam draft resisters a week later. Ford served in the U.S. Navy during the World War II, was a long-time congressman from Michigan, survived two assassination attempts during his presidency, and, at the time of his death, was the oldest living member of the Warren Commission that investigated the death of John F. Kennedy. Though he was often parodied as physically clumsy, Ford was actually a gifted athlete who turned down a professional football career to pursue a law degree and worked as a coach and physical education teacher throughout his early career, even after he began practicing law and during his military service.

The Early Years

Ford was born July 14, 1913, in Omaha, Neb., to Leslie Lynch King and Dorothy Ayer Gardner King. He was originally named Leslie Lynch King Jr., after his father, but his parents separated when he was just two weeks old. In 1916, Dorothy married Gerald R. Ford, a paint salesman, and began calling her son Gerald R. Ford Jr. Dorothy and Ford Sr. had three more sons, Thomas, Richard and James, and Ford was raised the oldest boy in a close and loving family. But, he did not know his mother's husband was not his biological father until 1930, and did not legally change his name until 1935. After his high school graduation in 1931, Ford received a scholarship to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Majoring in economics and political science, Ford was a star athlete. He played on the university's national championship football teams in 1931 and 1933 and was voted the Wolverines' most valuable player in 1934. Ford passed up a professional football career to take a job as a boxing coach and assistant football coach at Yale University, where he attended law school. He graduated in 1941 in the top 25 percent of his class. It was during his law school years that Ford was introduced to politics, when he worked on Wendell Willkie's 1940 presidential campaign. After graduating from Yale, Ford returned to Michigan and established a law firm in Grand Rapids and taught a course in business law at the University of Grand Rapids. He also served as line coach for the school's football team until World War II. In April 1942, Ford joined the U.S. Naval Reserve as an ensign and the next year was stationed aboard the USS Monterey, a light aircraft carrier that participated in most of the major operations in the South Pacific. In December 1944, a typhoon pounded the Monterey, which caught fire. Ford was nearly swept overboard, the closest he came to death during the entire war. After his discharge in 1946 as a lieutenant commander, Ford returned to Grand Rapids and became a partner in a law firm. He found himself in new ideological terrain - an isolationist before the war, Ford was now a committed internationalist. Ford decided to challenge incumbent Rep. Bartel Jonkman, an isolationist, for the Republican nomination in the 1948 election. Ford beat Jonkman and went on to win the seat with 61 percent of the vote. The voters of Michigan would re-elect him 12 times, each time giving him more than 60 percent of the vote. It was during his House campaign that Ford married Elizabeth Ann Bloomer Warren, a department store fashion consultant - legendarily campaigning on his wedding day. Gerald and Betty Ford had four children between 1950 and 1957: Michael Gerald, John Gardner, Steven Meigs and Susan Elizabeth.

A Distinguished Legislative Career

Ford served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Jan. 3, 1949, to Dec. 6, 1973. He described himself as "a moderate in domestic affairs, an internationalist in foreign affairs and a conservative in fiscal policy." The Republican Party tapped Ford as a rising star early in his career. Throughout the 1950s, he was encouraged to run for both the Senate and for governor of Michigan, but Ford declined these offers. His true ambition was to become speaker of the House, a post Ford would never achieve due to the Democrat's hold on the House throughout his tenure. Ford was a member of a group of younger, more progressive House Republicans who believed the party's old guard had grown stagnant. In 1961, in a revolt of the "Young Turks," Ford became chairman of the House Republican Conference - the number three leadership position in the party - and later rose to become House minority leader. In 1963 President Johnson appointed Ford to the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Ford never wavered in his belief that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. In 1965 Ford co-authored, with John R. Stiles, a book about the findings of the commission, "Portrait of the Assassin." In the 1968 and 1972 elections, Ford supported his good friend, Richard Nixon. On good terms with both the conservative and liberal wings of the Republican Party, he made the short list of possible vice presidential candidates in 1968. In late 1973, Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned his office after pleading no contest to a charge of income tax evasion. Nixon chose Ford as Agnew's replacement. In Ford, the tarnished Nixon administration found a candidate of impeccable character and reputation. Ford was confirmed and sworn in on Dec. 6, 1973. But he would serve only nine months as vice president, his entire term overshadowed by the unraveling of the Nixon administration. By the summer of 1974, the public outrage over the Watergate scandal - the break-in of the Democratic headquarters during the 1972 campaign and the cover-up of the incident by Nixon officials - reached full pitch. Facing impeachment, Nixon resigned from office, the first president in U.S. history ever to do so. On Aug. 9, 1974, Ford took the presidential oath of office, saying that "the long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works." A month after taking office, on Sept. 6, 1974, Ford granted Richard Nixon a "full, free and absolute pardon" for all federal crimes Nixon committed, or may have committed, during his presidency. The decision was the most difficult and controversial of his presidency, and resulted in a public distrust of him that persisted throughout his tenure. Ford claimed at the time, and has always maintained, that he pardoned Nixon to dispatch of the matter quickly so that the nation, and the American people, could move on. The pardon was a major factor in Ford losing the 1976 election to Jimmy Carter. Years later, former President Bill Clinton praised Ford for

keeping the big picture in mind and not getting swept away as Clinton had done. "You didn't get caught up in the moment and you were right. You were right for the controversial decisions you made to keep the country together and I thank you for that," Clinton said in 1999 when Ford received the Congressional Gold Medal. The medal represents Congress' highest expression of appreciation and is inscribed "Lives of Service, Examples of Integrity."

The Ford Presidency

Beyond the problems created by the Nixon pardon, Ford also had to confront other difficulties when he took office - the United States was embroiled in a controversial war in Southeast Asia and plagued by rising inflation and threats of energy shortages. Ford's philosophy on domestic policy was best summed up by a line from one of his favorite speeches: "A government big enough to give us everything we want is a government big enough to take from us everything we have." Ford pursued modest tax and spending cuts as well as industry deregulation and decontrolling energy prices to stimulate production. He believed these strategies would contain both inflation and unemployment while reducing the size of the federal government and helping the nation overcome the energy crisis. The 94th Congress, however, was controlled by the Democrats, who had won huge gains in the 1974 elections. Congress pushed through legislation with little regard for Ford's views; the president responded by using the veto - 36 times in total - his only means of combating Congress. As Ford took office, the Nixon administration's policy of detente - increased diplomatic, commercial and cultural contact between the United States and the Soviet Union - was beginning to disintegrate and Soviet relations gradually got worse. Still, the Ford administration was able to reach two important agreements with the Soviets. The first, the Vladivostok Accords of November 1974, was an arms control agreement designed to strengthen the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) of 1972. The second was the Helsinki Agreements of 1975, which aimed to observe universal standards of human rights in exchange for Western nations' recognition of Soviet dominance of Eastern Europe. In January 1973, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger signed the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam, intending to assist South Vietnam in fending off the North. But that same year, Congress banned the use of appropriated funds in the region, halting American involvement in Vietnam. In April 1975, when the North Vietnamese communists began conquering the South and overwhelmed what was left of the South Vietnamese government, Ford and Kissinger were unable to persuade Congress to provide military aid to South Vietnam. Ford believed America should have seen Vietnam through to the end. "It has been said that the United States is overextended, that we have too many commitments far from home, that we must re-examine what our truly vital interests are and shape our strategy to conform to them," Ford said. "I find no fault with this as a theory, but in the real world such a course must be pursued carefully. We cannot, in the meantime, abandon our friends while our adversaries support and encourage theirs." But on April 30, 1975, the last Americans were evacuated by helicopter from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon as the North Vietnamese took control of the South. There would be one more chapter to the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia when, two weeks after the fall of Saigon, on May 12, 1975, Cambodian forces led by a new communist government captured an American freighter, the Mayaguez, in the Gulf of Siam, taking its crew hostage. Kissinger persuaded Ford not to negotiate for the hostages but to instead demonstrate to the world that the United States could still assert its power. On May 14, 1975, as the 39 hostages were being safely released, the U.S. attacked Cambodian naval bases. Forty-one Americans were killed in the action. As 1975 wound down, Congress and the president struggled repeatedly over presidential war powers, oversight of the CIA and covert operations, military aid appropriations, and the stationing of military personnel. Then, in September 1975, on two separate trips to California, Ford was the target of assassination attempts. Both of the assailants were women - Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a former follower of Charles Manson, and Sara Jane Moore. As Ford headed into the 1976 election, the biggest threat to his presidency came from fellow Republican Ronald Reagan. The fight with Reagan was long and bitter, but Ford won the nomination, selecting Kansas Sen. Robert Dole as his running mate. Ford lost the general election to Jimmy Carter in one of the closest elections in history.

Return to Private Life

After leaving the White House, the now former president and his wife chose to make California their home, building a new house in Rancho Mirage. After a nearly lifelong career in public office, Ford was finally free to pursue financial and business opportunities. He hired an agent from the William Morris Agency and negotiated a television deal with NBC, and both he and his wife received lucrative advances to write their memoirs. Ford also joined the boards of several companies, among them American Express and Amex and Travelers Group, and he became popular on the lecture circuit. Since leaving office, Ford voiced concern about political partisanship, civility in

politics, and the policies of affirmative action. In 1998 he authored two opinion pieces, one with former President Jimmy Carter, regarding the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton. In 1999, Ford received the Medal of Freedom. This honor, the nation's highest civilian award, was presented by Clinton in recognition of Ford's role in guiding the nation through the turbulent times of Watergate, the Nixon resignation and the end of the Vietnam War. As Ford entered his 80s, his athletic life began to catch up with him. In 1990, Ford underwent surgery to have cartilage inserted into his left knee. The procedure was repeated in 1992 on his right knee. In 1995, Ford had surgery on his shoulder to repair an injury that dated back to his college football career. Two months later, Ford re-injured the shoulder while golfing with former President Clinton and former President George H.W. Bush, and underwent a second surgery. In 2000, Ford suffered a mild stroke while attending the Republican convention in Philadelphia. Ford made a full recovery, resuming his golf game. In 2006, he was hospitalized in January for 12 days with pneumonia, and again with shortness of breath in July.

December 27, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 27, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

"I think that more than anything, President Ford's legacy will be one of leading with honor and integrity," Gov. Sanford said. "That leadership came at an incredibly important and pivotal time in our nation's history, and it's my belief that future generations will come to realize just how crucial his tenure was in leading us through that time. Jenny, the boys and me will join the rest of our state and nation in keeping President Ford's family in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks ahead."

December 30, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 30, 2006	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The state budget proposal Governor Mark Sanford plans to release tomorrow calls for putting at least 700 (m) million dollars into tax breaks while trimming state debt, among other things. The six-and-a-half (b) billion-dollar spending plan comes one week before the Legislature returns for this year's session and Sanford's second inaugural. The governor says he wants 205 (m) million dollars for income tax breaks. Sanford says he wants to pay for part of that by increasing the state's lowest-in-the-nation cigarette tax by 30 cents to 37 cents a pack. West Columbia Republican Senator Jake Knotts says any cigarette tax increase should go toward health care, not income tax cuts.

Attachments



Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sunday (10/1/06)	5:30 am	BUSINESS WEEK

DESCRIPTION: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

October 6, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 6, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

North Carolina manufacturer Glen Raven Custom Fabrics is closing its plant in Elberton, Georgia, putting 166 people out of work. The company will expand its plant in Anderson, South Carolina, which has 580 workers. The company announced Tuesday that all Elberton employees will be offered positions with the Anderson operation. Both plants produce Sunbrella, the fabric used in awnings, patio umbrellas and marine products. The closing in Elberton and expansion in South Carolina are part of a 20 (m) million dollar plan the company will roll out during the next three years.

October 18, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 18, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The nation's population officially hit 300 million at 7:46 a.m. EDT Tuesday, when the Census Bureau's population clock rolled over to the big number. But there weren't any wild celebrations, fireworks or any other government-sponsored hoopla to mark the milestone. Why bother? Many experts think the population actually hit 300 million months ago. "I don't think anybody believes it will be the precise moment when the population hits 300 million," Howard Hogan, the Census Bureau's associate director for demographic programs, said in an interview before the milestone was reached. But, he added, "We're confident that we're somewhat close." It's not easy estimating the exact number of people in a country the size of the United States. It gets even more complicated when you take into account illegal immigration, another reason for the federal government to let the milestone pass quietly. When the U.S. population officially hit 200 million in 1967, President Johnson held a news conference at the Commerce Department to hail America's past and to talk about the challenges ahead. Life magazine dispatched a cadre of photographers to find a baby born at the exact moment, anointing a boy born in Atlanta as the 200 millionth American. This year, there's a good chance the 300 millionth American has already walked across the border from Mexico. "It's a couple of weeks before an election when illegal immigration is a high-profile issue and they don't want to make a big deal out of it," said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said the Bush administration isn't playing down the milestone, though he said he had no plans for Tuesday. Census Bureau employees planned to mark the moment Tuesday afternoon with cake and punch. "I would hate to think that we are going to be low key about this," said Gutierrez, whose department oversees the Census Bureau. "I would hope that we make a big deal about it." Gutierrez said America's growing population is good for the economy. He noted that Japan and some European countries expect to lose population in the next few decades, raising concerns that there won't be enough young people entering the work force to support aging populations. "This is one more area where we seem to have an advantage," Gutierrez said. "We should all feel good about reaching this milestone." The U.S. adds about 2.8 million people a year, for a growth rate of less than 1 percent. About 40 percent of the growth comes

from immigration. The rest comes from births outnumbering deaths. The Census Bureau counts the population every 10 years. In between, it uses administrative records and surveys to estimate monthly averages for births, deaths and net immigration. The bureau has a "population clock" that estimates a birth every seven seconds, a death every 13 seconds and a new immigrant every 31 seconds. Add it together and you get one new American every 11 seconds. The 300 millionth American - born months ago or on Tuesday - is probably Hispanic because they are the fastest growing demographic group in the U.S., Frey said. Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at the Pew Hispanic Center, said the Census Bureau has improved its population estimates in the past few years, but it still undercounts illegal immigrants. There are an estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. Experts differ on the specifics, but many estimate that more than 1 million of them don't show up in census figures. "The census clearly misses people," said Passel, a former Census Bureau employee who used to help estimate the undercount. "Having said that, when they crossed 200 million, they were missing about 5 million people. We think the 2000 census missed a lot less than 5 million people."

October 18, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 18, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

North Carolina's jobless rate rose slightly in September because of seasonal changes in employment. Seasonally adjusted statistics released by the Employment Security Commission show the state's labor force and the number of people employed hit all-time highs during the same month. Unemployment was at four-point-nine percent in September, slightly above the four-point-eight percent rate in July and August but well below the five-point-three percent unemployment rate in September 2005. Nationally, the jobless rate in September dropped slightly to four-point-six percent from four-point-seven percent in August and four-point-eight percent in July. The state's work force increased to four-point-47 (m) million people in September, up from four-point-44 (m) million in August. About four and a quarter (m) million people had jobs in September, slightly more than in August.

November 7, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 7, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

We're soon getting a new neighbor in the Upstate with superstar status. The movie "Leatherheads" will be filmed here next year, and actor George Clooney has the starring role. Clooney is also the director and screenwriter of "Leatherheads" and the movie could co-star another big name. Hollywood seems to have a love affair with South Carolina for football movies. "Radio", based on the real life story of T.L. Hanna's James Robert Kennedy was filmed here. Next year, crews will be in the Upstate to film the movie "Leatherheads." The romantic-comedy is about a pro-football league from the 1920's. There's a good chance actress Renee Zellweger will co-star in the movie. The star - George Clooney. That name alone makes women lose their minds. "He's just so cute," gushes Susan Mauro. "He's classic. He's gorgeous. Absolutely gorgeous. It's just the whole persona. He's just wonderful." Clooney is also the director and screenwriter of "Leatherheads." He visited the Upstate about a month ago. He stayed at the Westin Poinsett and grabbed a bite to eat at Restaurant O. Then, he scouted out a few sites in Anderson for the movie. Monday, Universal Pictures made the big announcement about the project that Clooney fans have been waiting for. "I knew he was looking around, in the Anderson-Greenville area. I didn't know exactly what they found." All the final details are still being worked out. Jeff Monks, the South Carolina Film Office Commissioner is on the way back from Hollywood with more specifics. Mark your calendars, www.clooneystudio.com says you'll start seeing the Oscar winner around February. No doubt, some fans will be on high-alert. "They probably will, especially with George Clooney and Renee Zellweger," says Angela Becerra. "Those are some of the more popular ones in Hollywood and some of the more active ones."

November 13, 2006
November 13, 2006

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description:

In 1714, Altamaha in Beaufort County was home to about 15-hundred Yemassee Indians, according to a census by the Colonial Assembly in Charleston. The tribe was eventually driven from the Lowcountry by war. But the site of the old town was undisturbed for nearly three centuries. Today, developers want to build million-dollar homes there. And the developers are paying to preserve and study one of the most extraordinary American Indian historical sites in the Lowcountry. The location of the town has been known for years and a section of it is on the National Register of Historic Places. State archaeologists could afford to do only minimal preliminary work, but state law calls for developers to pay for exhaustive archeological work before they build. Now, scientists are rediscovering the lost tribe.

November 14, 2006
November 14, 2006

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description:

Family is important to Otis Wilson, and for years he's hopped on a plane to visit his daughter in Florida. "When I was in New York, I used to take it from the Kennedy Airport and go to Florida," said Wilson. However, now he lives in the Upstate, and for a while he says flying out of GSP got pretty expensive. "I'm a senior citizen, I can't afford to pay that big fare, so I use the lowest fare I can find," said Wilson. Now, he doesn't mind waiting in line at the ticket counter, especially since he got a deal on a round trip ticket to Orlando. "This time it's less than \$200, so I saw it advertised and I just tried it," said Wilson. Wilson is one of Allegiant Air's first customers. A new airline that offers non-stop service from GSP to Orlando. "It was a non-stop flight and everything else was lay-overs, I didn't want to wait," said Jennifer Runyan, an Allegiant passenger. Jennifer also got on the first flight. "It's a lot better every other airline is like three or four hundred dollars so, save me a lot of money," said Runyan. There are 24 jets, and each seat 150 passengers. "We feel that where we fly to is a destination within itself. So, if we're not connecting our customers elsewhere, we're bringing them to their vacation first stop," said Neil Weingarten, Director of Operations for Allegiant Air. So customers like Otis Wilson are hoping this new relationship will take-off in the right direction- by keeping air-fares low and putting customers first. Right now, Orlando is the fourth most popular destination for passengers at GSP so the company is offering a special fare. From now through December 2nd, you can fly to Orlando for \$39, but there's a catch. The return flight will cost about \$200.

November 15, 2006
November 15, 2006

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description:

The South Carolina State Ports Authority has received another key approval to build a 545 (m) million dollar steamship terminal at the old Charleston Naval Base. The agency has received a water quality permit from the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. The National Marine Fisheries Service had said earlier this year that concerns about the endangered North Atlantic right whale which migrates along the coast could delay permits. Last month, however, the agency was told the increased number of ships serving the new terminal would not pose a threat to whales off the coast. The authority still needs approval for a new access road linking the port with Interstate 26. That is required under an agreement with the city of North Charleston. The Ports Authority's president and chief executive says the state must honor its commitment to pay for the road to the new three-berth terminal. It could handle more than one (m) million 20-foot-long shipping containers each year. Bernard Groseclose Junior says he is confident all the needed permits will be in hand by next spring.

November 17, 2006
November 17, 2006

Description:

A snowmobile park is set to open up in Maggie Valley on the day after Thanksgiving, but the neighbors aren't too crazy about it. Outdoor types are looking forward to Winter-Valley Snowmobile Park. Nearby residents say they don't want any extra noise from the snowmobiles. Those who are excited about the new park say it will give kids something to do; but some residents argue that in addition to the noise, the increased traffic will put children in harm's way. The owner of isn't letting the complaints stop him. He's getting ready for opening day and even used snow blowers to make the first batch of snow. He says he tested the noise levels to meet city requirements and also found that there are no city laws in place against snowmobile businesses.

November 20, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 20, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge near Hilton Head Island may close to the public, unless Congress acts soon. Supervising ranger Pat Metz says a federal plan calls for cutting four full-time positions in the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex, which includes Pinckney Island, during the next three years. The positions include a maintenance worker, a mechanic, a heavy-equipment operator and Pinckney Island's manager. The manager oversees of the refuge tells employees and volunteers where to mow, what to plant in fields and how to keep the island suitable for desired species of animals. If the positions are cut, the gate to the refuge could close permanently in 2009. Metz says a public boat landing near the entrance will likely continue in operation.

November 20, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 20, 2006	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Federal and local officials gathered in North Charleston this morning to mark a milestone in the Superfund cleanup program. The cleanup of the Macalloy Corporation steel plant in North Charleston is the one-thousandth site in the country to be handled by the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program. Susan Bodine with E-P-A says a piece of land that was once a blight can now be put to use to provide jobs. Bodine says everyone in South Carolina can be proud of the cleanup. The Reverend Sidney Davis heads a community group in the area. He says there could be houses and children playing at the old steel mill site one day.

November 29, 2006
November 29, 2006

Description:

What goes up and doesn't profit, usually comes down. On Tuesday, demolition began on the site once known as the Greenville Mall. Developers are replacing the mall with stores, restaurants, homes and offices. People we spoke to along Woodruff Road say it's about time. One driver said, "I think it's a good idea." Another agreed and said, "Its just a waste of space over there." As the space along Woodruff Road fills up so does Woodruff Road. One driver said, "Woodruff road is a zoo as it is now." Another said, "The traffic is such a problem here on Woodruff Road." If anyone knows traffic, it's Eric Dillon. He said, "We haven't reached the Atlanta or Charlotte pace yet." However, Dillon says Greenville is on its way. He's an engineer with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and Woodruff is one of many state roads. Lidia St. Mark asked, "If you have a dime for every time someone mentioned Woodruff Road traffic, would you be a rich man?"

Dillon said, "It is pretty busy out there." If the new development is annexed to the city, the city wants to put up two traffic lights- if the state allows it. Before any changes are made, the DOT wants to make sure they'll help rather than hurt the traffic flow. Dillon said, "I have not reviewed the study, but we want to keep Woodruff Road moving. The development has taken off, we're just trying to playing catch up with the traffic demand." To meet the potential demand here, he has called a meeting with engineers from all sides to make sure whatever plan they come up with, will be a right one. He said, "We know what we're talking about." Monday night the city council voted to go ahead with annexation, but it still has to go through several more readings. We also asked Dillon when this plan would be finalized, he said it would all come together soon.

November 17, 2006

November 17, 2006

Description:

Hitachi Electronics says it's laying off 150 workers at its plant in Greenville, as it stops production of television projection tubes. The company says the layoffs come because of changes in technology. Hitachi is phasing out projection tubes as more people buy flatter and wider television screens. Bill Davis with Hitachi's Greenville plant says the layoffs will occur in January. Davis says about 20 people will stay to serve as sale representatives for a Hitachi plant in Japan that makes flat-panel displays. Davis says he hopes the plant will get a new production line. The plant has operated in Greenville for 15 years.

December 5, 2006

December 5, 2006

Description:

A fifty-million dollar hospital is coming to Greer. The Village Hospital will be on Highway 14. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Monday. The hospital will focus on medical and surgical patients and mothers-to-be. The first phase is scheduled to open in October of 2008. The Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (SRHS) president says this is a hospital for the future of the upstate. Ingo Angermeier, SRHS President, said, "This will be the center of a village community twenty-five years from now. And that's for whom this hospital is being built." Angermeier hopes the location of this hospital will be more convenient for people living between Greenville and Spartanburg. The Village Hospital received a \$21 million grant from the Duke Endowment. That's the largest grant Duke has ever made to healthcare.

December 5, 2006

December 6, 2006

Description:

Duke Energy Corporation President and Chief Executive Jim Rogers today reiterated the company's forecast of a four-to-six percent earnings growth over the next three years. Rogers also told investors in New York the Charlotte-based utility remains on track to spend nine (b) billion dollars over three years building power plants in the Carolinas and Indiana. Duke is set to spin off its natural gas division in January. Company executives will be back in New York Monday to discuss Spectra Energy Corporation with analysts and investors. The stand-alone company will be based in Houston.

December 22, 2006

December 22, 2006

Description:

A subsidiary of power producer Duke Energy says today it will spend 158 (m) million dollars to increase its stake in a South Carolina nuclear station. Duke Energy Carolinas says the company will acquire the additional stake in unit one of the Catawba Nuclear Station from Saluda River Electric Cooperative Incorporated. Duke says that stake is equivalent to about 154 megawatts. Duke already owns 25 percent of Catawba's unit one. Its stake will grow to more than 38 percent as a result of this new investment.

Attachments



Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2006**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

DATE **TIME** **PROGRAM**

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

October 11, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 11, 2006	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Maranda Williams just started to live life as a young mother, loving daughter and friend. "She was just somebody that loved everybody, she loved everybody and she wanted to do for everybody," said Pat Williams, her step-mother. Maranda died when her ex-boyfriend, Charles Christopher Williams, shot and killed her at the BI-LO Grocery Store on East North Street in Greenville back in 2003. However, through a special project, her spirit lives. "One of the most loving things she liked to do was play on the playground to swing and slide," commented Gary Williams, Maranda's father. Now there's a playground named in her honor called Maranda's Playground. "It's just an awesome feeling to walk in everyday and walk through those gates and see the kids playing and the women sitting outdoors," commented Renee Middleton, Director of Safe Harbor. The playground is set-up at a shelter to give abused women and their children and safe place to find peace and play. "It left me with a warm feeling inside and it does mean a lot to me deep down in my heart," said Gary Williams. Even though it is a celebration of Maranda's life, the moment is so emotional there is laughter and tears. However, Maranda's father says he sees a bit of Maranda everyday when he looks at his granddaughter, Calista. "She's what keeps us going, I guess the joy of having her," said Williams. So, now, when an abused woman sits on a bench, or a child hops on a swing at Maranda's Playground, they'll be a little closer to someone who meant so much to so many. "Just knowing that those ladies are over there and those children have a playground now, she would really like it." Administrators with BI-LO, the company which Maranda worked for donated \$25,000 to help build the playground. Organizers of the project say volunteers also put in a lot of sweat hours to help.

October 16, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 16, 2006	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Clemson Area Transit, or CAT, is expanding their service to include Seneca and Central. CAT officials held a ribbon cutting Monday morning in downtown Seneca at the brand new bus station. This is big news for these small towns, especially since a lot of students live in these areas. CAT's Executive Director, Al Babinicz, says just last year they had about 1.5 million people riding, with that number growing each month. He says one of the reasons this bus system is successful is because of the need for public transportation. Of course, it doesn't hurt that the fare is free. Many who need a ride to Anderson, Clemson or Tri-County Tech won't have to hitch a ride anymore, they can just take the bus. CAT was voted the best transit system in the state by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

October 25, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2006	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Statistics show there are over five thousand homeless people in the upstate, and one school wants to help them in any way they can. Greenville Middle School students are holding a canned-good drive to help the Upstate Homeless Coalition. They say it's a way for them to give back to the community. Dante Johnson, an 8th grader, said, "Some people don't have as much as we do. If we can help them out, maybe they'll probably look up to us." The drive started Tuesday morning, and the cart was already full. To help get the students excited, they are calling the next 9 days Ram Pride Week. McKenna Redwine, Student Council President, said, "I think it helps boost it along, little themes everyday to kind of help people remember, makes it more fun and easy for people to remember." The Upstate Homeless Coalition is grateful to the students at Greenville Middle. Linsa Wilson, with the Upstate Homeless Coalition, said, "I think they're awesome. I think that it's so important to teach everyone in the community that there are people in need in the community that don't have a place to live or food to eat." Donating food is just one way these students can show they care. If you would like to donate canned-goods, you can drop them off at Greenville Middle School just off Blassingame Drive. They are at the old Southside High School.

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Radiation and chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer had robbed Gretchen Hoag of her hair. Several months ago, the idea of being seen in public like that was repellent. You couldn't have paid the 46-year-old to go to a gym. But that's in the past. Today, the Chapel Hill resident is an eager participant in a new program held at a small fitness center in the Women's Gym of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It's one that hopes to more firmly establish regular exercise as an effective treatment for common and debilitating side effects of breast cancer therapy. This includes pain, fatigue, depression and anxiety. Hoag says it's "a really comfortable place for a breast cancer patient to be."

November 10, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2006	5-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

North Carolina Baptists will tackle a controversial issue when they meet this week in Greensboro. Delegates are expected to approve a policy that would prohibit membership for churches or affiliate groups that endorse homosexuality. The policy was proposed by the Baptist State Convention's board of directors earlier this year. It would forbid churches from ordaining gay clergy, making public statements supporting homosexuality or accepting openly gay churchgoers as members. The proposal, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, includes steps for triggering an investigation. The meeting runs tomorrow through Wednesday.

November 17, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 17, 2006	5-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

As the holiday season is upon us, there are some families dealing with the pain of being spread apart. A lot of those people will be the thousands of service men and women fighting overseas. Many of them haven't been home for months and won't be able to make it home for the holidays. One upstate group is helping to make their holidays as enjoyable as possible. The Blue Star Mothers in Greenville are stuffing boxes full of items to send to the troops. The organization is made up of military moms. The ladies have children serving in the war, and say the group is also a support system. Already the Blue Star Mothers have filled 200 boxes, but their goal is 500 hundred by the end of the year. All the items being sent to the soldiers have been donated. The

items being sent include; books, magazines, toiletries, candy, tea and lemonade. If you are interested in helping the Blue Star Mothers reach their goal of 500 boxes or would like to join the organization you can email Jane Davis at bsm.upstate@gmail.com

November 24, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 24, 2006	5-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Hundreds of people gathered at the Statehouse last night for the 40th annual Governor's Carol lighting ceremony. Governor Mark Sanford told the crowd he is "pleasantly jolted" out of Thanksgiving and into Christmas at the tree lighting service each year. The event featured performances of traditional Christmas songs by the Governor's All-Star Band and Governor's All-Star Chorus, composed of high school students from across the state. The Palmetto Mastersingers, a children's choir and a handbell choir also performed. Sanford's four sons led the countdown to the lighting of the tree, a Norway spruce from western North Carolina. It was decorated with 88-hundred lights.

November 29, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 29, 2006	5-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

American paper money represents an unfair impediment to the blind, and the Treasury Department must come up with new U.S. currency to help the visually impaired use cash, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. U.S. District Judge James Robertson said keeping all U.S. currency the same size and texture violates the Rehabilitation Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in government programs. "Of the more than 180 countries that issue paper currency, only the United States prints bills that are identical in size and color in all their denominations," Robertson wrote in his ruling. "More than 100 of the other issuers vary their bills in size according to denomination, and every other issuer includes at least some features that help the visually impaired." Day Al-Mohamed, director of advocacy and government affairs at the American Council of the Blind, said that most of the world's currency is distinguished by color, size, perforations or tactile symbols. The Euro, for instance, can be determined by the length of the bill - the higher the denomination the longer the bill. "Saudi Arabia has money that varies in size based on denomination," she said. "If so many other countries can do it, why not the greatest country in the world?" "It's exciting from our perspective. It's an area that doesn't get a lot of attention. I give ACB a lot of credit for hanging in there," said Andrew Imperato, president and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities. "Hopefully it's just going to make blind people able to live more independently." But John Par, director of public relations for the National Federation of the Blind, the nation's largest organization representing blind people, said identifying the money is hardly the most difficult obstacle for the blind to overcome. "The focus for improving the lives of blind Americans needs to be put on earning money not figuring out how to identify money," he said. "Over 70 percent of blind Americans are under-employed or unemployed and this is what needs to be addressed. "It really is distracting to have this lawsuit," he said, since assistance should concentrate on people "who don't have the money in the first place." Blindness is measured as 20/2,200 or worse vision, according to Al-Mohamed, who said many more people with still limited sight have better vision than that. About 7 million Americans are blind or visually impaired, and the numbers are expected to increase by 4 million by 2015 as baby boomers age, Al-Mohamed said. The majority of people with vision loss problems get them after age 45, she said. For many blind, working with currency often relies on the "kindness of strangers," Al-Mohamed said. Par and Al-Mohamed agree that current tricks help the blind manage their cash, for instance folding different size denominations different ways and leaving one dollar bills crumpled. "There are techniques for identifying currency that blind people utilize today that work reasonably well," Pare said. "Every single organization that deals with teaching blind people how to deal with currency teaches how to do that." But Al-Mohamed said that blind people often resort to using note-tellers, portable readers that can cost \$300 per machine. Often, they don't work when bills have been folded or crumpled and frequently it's inconvenient to use in a busy store, she said. "The way a lot of people distinguish bills now is they rely on a cashier to tell them what bills are and fold them different ways, but that's kind of a vulnerable situation," Imperato added. In the lawsuit, which has been in the court system for four years, government attorneys argued that forcing the Treasury Department to change the size of the bills or add texture would make it harder to prevent counterfeiting. Robertson was not swayed. "The fact that each of these features is currently used in other currencies suggests that, at least on the face of things, such accommodations are reasonable," he wrote. "I'm sure there were concerns around the cost of coming out with all these new bills (to prevent counterfeiting)," Imperato said. "When you're already going through the cost of the new design, I don't think it would cost a lot more to build in accessibility." He acknowledged that many Americans

may not want to make the change to different sized currency. Several attempts to move U.S. currency to a dollar coin have failed in the past, though the Treasury Department announced last week that it is going to give it another go with new coins struck with images of the deceased presidents. "The main argument in favor of not doing that is tradition, and tradition and accessibility do not always mix," Imparato said. Robertson wouldn't say how Treasury must do it, but he gave the government agency 10 days to start working on new bills that the blind can tell apart. The Treasury Department refused to comment on the case, saying that it's still pending. Par said that his organization wasn't involved in the lawsuit, and he can't speak for the Treasury Department, but he did "get the sense that it was going to be appealed." Al-Mohamed said she expects members of her organization will have a sit-down soon with Treasury officials to consider changes to be made. She said the group is not overly particular about which changes are offered as long as they are helpful and can be done in a reasonable amount of time. She said already several of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's presses are set up to deal with specific denominations. "I don't think it quite matters as long as it allows for identification without sight," she said of any proposed changes. "Sooner is better" but it "depends on the changes being used." ACB is not going to demand of Treasury "wild and crazy changes, you have to do it now," she said.

December 5, 2006	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2006	5-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

If you drive by it, you'll probably look twice. "I was driving by and didn't really know what it was, I just thought it might be something that would be fun for the kids so we wanted to stop and see," commented Heather Lamie, who lives in Anderson. Hundreds of people are taking pictures of a huge Gingerbread House which sits just off Highway 81 in Anderson County. "I just think it is so cool to have a life sized Gingerbread house," commented Lamie. So does her little boy and other kids too. There's a Gingerbread man and woman who greet you near the front door, candy canes and chocolate kisses with sprinkles line the house and colorful gumdrops are layered on the roof. "We thought oh my goodness! It's a big candy land place," said Peggy Brown who lives in Myrtle Beach. Peggy Brown stopped so her grandson Zack could play for a while. "It's just something that makes the children sparkle, smile and laugh. So when they're happy, I'm happy," said Brown. It took more than 11 hours for volunteers with the Bloom Grocery Store chain to turn the antique shop into a holiday treat. They provided the supplies and materials to make it all happen, hoping it would bring some holiday cheer and some big smiles. There are also a couple of donation bins for canned goods at the front of the house. The food will go to the Community Food Bank of Piedmont which helps feed needy families in the area. A Gingerbread man will stop by the house on Saturday, December 9, to take pictures with children. He will be there starting at 10:00AM.